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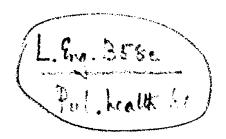
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PREFACE.

No measure of the past session of Parliament is deserving of greater commendation than that which is the subject of the following pages. Comprehensive in its object, convenient in its machinery, and complete in its details, it is an Act which, whilst it will fully carry out the excellent objects it has in view, reflects the greatest credit upon those by whose labour it has been brought into existence.

An endeavour has been made, by the Introduction to the present edition, to explain to the general and unprofessional reader, in a plain and simple manner, the precise scope and object of the Act itself, to the end that he may, without having recourse to the assistance of a legal man, properly comprehend those provisions which the necessary technicality of the Act itself renders, to all but lawyers,

somewhat obscure and uncertain. In furtherance of this object, also, and to draw more particularly to the Act the attention of the various Boards of Guardians by whom chiefly it will have to be enforced, the Poor Law Commissioners have issued a most explanatory and convenient Circular (to be found at page 20), which all persons interested in the Act will do well to peruse with attention.

Since the greater part of this volume was printed off, the highly important Circular of the General Board of Health of October the 31st was promulgated, which, nevertheless, will be found entire at page 26c.

The Act itself has been given *verbatim*, and it is hoped that, with the addition of a comprehensive Index, the present volume will be deemed of service to those who desire to consult its pages.

T. W. S.

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AN

ANALYSIS

OF THE

NUISANCES REMOVAL AND DISEASES PREVENTION ACT, 1848.

[11 & 12 Vict. c. 123, passed 4th September, 1848.]

This enactment, after reciting that the 9 & 10 Vict. 11 & 12 Vict. c. 96, (for the more speedy removal of certain nuisances, and to enable the Privy Council to make regulations for the prevention of contagious and epidemic diseases) will expire at the end of the session (1848), and that it is necessary to make other provision in lieu thereof, proceeds to enact a number of provisions with the view of accomplishing these desirable objects.

Power of certain public bodies, upon receipt of notice from householders of the existence of certain nuisances, to enter premises, &c.—Upon receipt by the town council, trustees or commissioners for drainage, paving, lighting, cleansing, or managing, or directing the police of any city, town, borough, or place, or by any other body of the like nature, or by any Commissioners of Sewers or Guardians of the Poor, or, in Ireland, by the officers of health of any parish, of a notice in writing, in the form contained in the schedule (A.) or to the like effect, signed by two or more inhabitant householders of the parish or place to which the notice relates, stating that to the best of

11 & 12 Vict. their knowledge and belief, any dwelling-house or building, in any city, town, &c., within or over which the jurisdiction or authority of the town council, trustees, &c., or other body to whom such notice is given, extends, is in such a filthy and unwholesome condition as to be a nuisance to or injurious to the health of any person; or that upon premises within such jurisdiction or authority there is any foul and offensive ditch, gutter, drain, privy, cesspool, or ashpit, or any ditch, gutter, drain, privy, cesspool, or ashpit kept or constructed so as to be a nuisance to or injurious to the health of any person, or that upon any such premises, swine, or any accumulation of dung, manure, offal, filth, refuse, or other matter, or thing, are or is kept so as to be a nuisance to or injurious to the health of any person, or that upon any such premises (being a building used wholly or in part as a dwelling house), or being premises underneath any such building, any cattle or animals are kept so as to be a nuisance to, or injurious to the health of any person, such town council, trustees, &c., or some committee thereof which may be appointed for the purpose, shall, after twenty-four hours' notice in writing, by delivering the same to some person on the premises referred to in the first-mentioned notice, or (if there be no person upon the premises who can be so served) by fixing the same upon some conspicuous part of the premises, or (in case of emergency, without notice) by themselves, their servants or agents with or without medical or other assistants, enter such premises, and examine the same with respect to the matters alleged in such first-mentioned notice, and do all such works, matters, and things, as may be necessarv for that purpose. (a)

It will be observed that the notice necessary to set

⁽a) Section 1.

the public functionaries in motion, must be signed by 11 & 12 Vicr. two or more inhabitant householders of the parish or place to which it relates; and the notice itself must be given to that body which has jurisdiction over the locality in which the objectionable premises are situated, that is to say, jurisdiction in the particular matter in the locality; thus, in a corporate borough where there are both a town council and commissioners for drainage, &c., the notice would properly be to the latter if they have local jurisdiction.

SCHEDULE (A.)

Notice by Householders.

To the Town Council of the borough of [or Guardians of the Poor of the union or the parish of in the county of or as the case may be; or, in Scotland, to the Procurator Fiscal of the county of or to the Procurator Fiscal or Dean of Guild of the burgh of or to the Procurator Fiscal of the justices of the county of or to the Inspector of the poor of the parish of or as the case may be.]

WE, the undersigned inhabitants [or in Scotland householders of [insert the parish or place] and residing at in [insert the parish or place before mentioned aforesaid, do hereby give you notice, that to the best of our knowledge and belief a dwelling-house for building | situate at No. street in aforesaid for such other description as may be sufficient to identify the premises] is in such a filthy and unwholesome condition as to be a nuisance to [or injurious to the health of] A. B.or as the case may be, [or that upon certain premises situate at [inserting such a description as may be sufficient to identify the premises there is a foul and offensive drain, ditch, gutter, privy, cesspool, or ashpit, or a drain, &c., kept or constructed so as to be a nuisance to us, or to the occupiers of the premises adjoining the premises aforesaid, or as the case may be, or that upon certain premises situate at, &c., swine, or an accumulation of dung, manure, offal, filth, refuse, or matter, or as the case may be, are or is kept so as to be injurious to our health, or to the health of A. B., or of the occupiers of the premises adjoining the premises, aforesaid, or of persons living in the neighbourhood, or of the persons living in the premises aforesaid, as the case may be, or that upon certain premises, &c., swine, &c. are 11 & 12 Vicr. kept so as to be a nuisance to us, &c. as the case may be]. And we hereby require that you will cause such proceedings to be taken as are directed in this behalf by the "Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention Act, 1848.

> Dated this hundred and

day of

one thousand eight

A.B.C.D.

Notice of an intention to examine Premises.

THIS is to give notice, that we the undersigned [according to the nature of the body to whom the notice has been given having received a notice dated the

from certain inhabitant householders of the parish of that to the best of their belief a dwelling-house as the case may be, following the terms in the notice from

the inhabitants,] we shall, on the

day of [some time more than twenty-four hours after the giving of this notice,] by ourselves, our servants or agents, with or without medical or other assistants, enter such premises and examine the same with respect to the matters alleged in such notice, and do all such works, matters, and things as may be necessary for that purpose, pursuant to the provisions of "The Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention Act, 1848."

Dated this hundred and

day of

one thousand eight

To the owner and occupier of the premises above mentioned. To be signed or sealed according to the nature of the body by whom it is given.

Examination of the premises and proceedings thereupon.—If upon the examination or upon the certificate of two legally qualified medical practitioners it should appear that any such premises are in the condition, &c. described in the notice from the inhabitants, the town council, trustees, &c., are to cause a complaint to be made before a justice, who is thereupon to issue a summons requiring the owner or occupier of the premises to appear before the justices to answer such complaint, and such summons is to be served by delivering the same, or a true copy thereof, to some

person upon the said premises, in respect of which the 11 & 12 Vict. complaint has been made, or (if there be no person upon the premises who can be so served) by affixing such summons or copy upon some conspicuous part of such premises, and if at the time and place appointed by such summons it is proved to the satisfaction of the justices that the cause of complaint exists, and (in case of the non-appearance of the owner or occupier) that the summons or copy was served as aforesaid, they are to make an order for cleansing, whitewashing, or purifying such dwelling-house or building, or for the removal or abatement of any such causes of complaint, in such manner and within such time as shall be specified in such order (not being more than two clear days after the service of such order); and such order is to be forthwith served by delivering it, or a true copy of it, to some person upon the premises in respect of which it is made, or (in case of there being no person there) by fixing it upon some conspicuous part of such premises. (a)

SCHEDULE (B.)

Summons to appear.

To the owner [or occupier] of a dwelling-house [or building or of certain premises,] situate at [insert such a description as may be sufficient to identify the premises].

County of [or Borough, &c. of , or Metropolitan Police District, or as the case may be] to wit.

WHEREAS complaint hath been made to the undersigned, one of Her Majesty's justices of the peace acting in and for the said county of [or borough, fc. of], or one of the magis-

trates of the police courts of the metropolis holden at

[or as the case may be], by the town council of the borough of
 [or as the case may be], that a certain dwelling-house
 [or building] situate at No. in the parish of
 [or as the case may be] in the county of
 [or such

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11 & 12 Vict. other description as may be sufficient to identify the premises] is in such a filthy and unwholesome condition as to be a nuisance to or injurious to the health of A. B., or as the case may be. for that upon certain premises situate at finserting such a description as may be sufficient to identify the premises] there is a foul and offensive drain, [ditch, gutter, privy, cesspool, or ashpit, or a drain, \$\(\textit{gc}_{\text{.}} \), kept or constructed so as to be a nuisance to A. B., &c., [as the case may be], or that swine [or an accumulation of dung, manure, offal, filth, refuse, or matter, or as the case may be,] are [or is] kept so as to be injurious to the health of A. B. or of the occupiers of the premises adjoining the premises aforesaid, or of persons living in the neighbourhood of the premises aforesaid, or of persons living in the premises aforesaid, or a nuisance to A. B., &c., as the case may $ar{b}e$]. These are therefore to require you to appear before two of Her Majesty's justices of the peace [or one of the magistrates of the police courts of the metropolis, at the court holden at] on the day of next, at the hour of to answer the matter of the said complaint.

> Given under my hand and seal, this day of in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and J. K. (L. s.)

SCHEDULE (C.)

Order for removal of Nuisances, &c.

To the owner [or occupier] of the dwelling-house [or building or premises situate at No. street in the parish of in the county of for such other description as may be sufficient to identify the premises], and to the Town Council of the borough of the Guardians of the Poor of the union, or of the or, in Scotland, parish of in the county of the Procurator Fiscal of the county of or the Procurator Fiscal or Dean of Guild of the burgh of or the Procurator Fiscal of the justices of the peace of the county of or the Inspector of the Poor of the parish as the case may be], and to their servants or agents, and to all whom it may concern.

WHEREAS on the County of day of [or borough, &c.] last complaint was made before the undersigned [or before J. K. esquire, one Metropolitan Police of Her Majesty's justices of the peace District, or as the case may be] acting in and for the county of for before the undersigned, or J. K. esquire, one of the magistrates of the police courts of the metropolis, or as the case may be, by the town council of the borough of [or by the guardians of the poor of the union, or of the parish of in the county of or, in Scotland, by the procurator fiscal of the county of

11 & 12 Vict. c. 123.

or by the procurator fiscal or dean of guild of the burgh of or by the procurator fiscal of the justices of the peace or by the inspector of the poor of of the county of as the case may be], that a dwelling-house the parish of for building situate at No. street in [the in parish or place before mentioned aforesaid, for such other description as may be sufficient to identify the premises, then was in such a filthy and unwholesome condition as to be a nuisance [or injurious to the health of] A. B., or as the case may be, or that upon certain premises situate at [inserting such a description as may be sufficient to identify the premises] there then was a foul and offensive drain, [ditch, gutter, privy, cesspool, or ashpit, or a drain, &c., kept or constructed so as to be a nuisance to A. B. c., as the case may be], or that upon certain premises, situate &c., swine, or an accumulation of dung, manure, offal, filth, or refuse, as the case may be, are or is kept so as to be injurious to the health of A. B., or of the occupiers of the premises adjoining the premises first aforesaid, or of persons living in the neighbourhood of the premises first aforesaid, or of persons living in the premises first aforesaid, or so as to be a nuisance to A. B., &c.: And whereas the owner [or occupier] of the said dwelling-house, building, or premises having this day appeared before us, two of Her Majesty's justices of the peace acting in and for the county [or borough] of [or before me, one of the magistrates of the police courts of the metropolis, or, in Scotland, before the sheriff or magistrates or two justices of the peace, as the case may be], to answer the matter of the said complaint [or in case the party charged do not appear: And whereas it hath this day been proved to our [or my] satisfaction, that a true copy of a summons requiring the owner [or occupier] of the said dwelling-house [or building or premises] to appear this day before us [or me] has been duly served according to the statute in such case made and provided], and it having been proved [or also proved, as the case may require,] that the said dwelling-house [or building] is in such a filthy and unwholesome condition as aforesaid for that upon the premises aforesaid [or first aforesaid] there is a foul and offensive drain [privy, cesspool, or ashpit, or a drain, c. kept or constructed so as to be a nuisance to A. B., c., as the case may be], or that upon the premises aforesaid, or first aforesaid, an accumulation of dung, manure, offal, filth, or refuse, or as the case may be, is kept, or a pigstye exists, so as to be injurious to health as aforesaid or so as to be a nuisance to A. B., &c., as the case may be]: We [or I] do hereby, in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, order the said owner [or occupier] of the said dwelling-house [or building, or premises, or first-mentioned premises within

11 & 12 Vict. c. 123.

hours from the service of this order [or a true copy thereof], according to the statute in such case made and provided, to cleanse [whitewash or purify] the said dwelling-house [or to cleanse, cover, or fill up, or as the case may require, the said drain, [ditch, gutter, privy, cesspool, or ashpit, or otherwise as the case may require, or remove the said pigstye or accumulation of dung, offal, filth, refuse, or matter, as the case may be, so that the same shall not be injurious to health, or a nuisance, as aforesaid]; and if this order be not complied with, then we [or I] authorize and require you the said town council [or guardians of the poor, or, in Scotland, the procurator fiscal or the procurator fiscal or dean of of the county of guild of the burgh of or the procurator of the justices of the peace of the county of or the inspector of the poor of the parish of as the case may be] to enter upon the said dwelling-house, [or building, or premises, or first-mentioned premises,] and to do all such works, matters, and things as may be necessary for carrying this order into effect. according to the statute in such case made and provided.

And for your so doing this shall be your sufficient warrant.

Given under our hands and seals [or my hand and seal, or, in Scotland, our hands, or my hand], this day of one thousand eight hundred and

Signatures. $\begin{cases} (L. 8.)^* \\ (L. 8.)^* \end{cases}$

* [In Scotland without seals.]

Penalty for non-compliance, and power of public body themselves to do the works, &c.—If the order be not complied with, the owner or occupier against whom it is made is to be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten shillings for every day of his default, and the town council, &c., are by themselves, &c., to enter the premises and cleanse, whitewash or purify the same, or remove or abate the cause or causes of complaint in respect of which the order is made, and do all such works, &c., as may be necessary for carrying such order into effect, and any dung, manure, offal, filth, or refuse, and any other matter or thing removed by any such town council, &c., in pursuance of this enactment, may be destroyed or sold, and in case of sale the proceeds arising therefrom are to be paid to or (as the case may require) retained by the guardians of the poor, and are to be by them applied in aid of the poor-rate of the parish, &c., in 11 & 12 Vict. which such removal shall have been made. (a)

Similar provisions relative to Scotland.—The second section provides similar regulations for Scotland, with such alterations only as the different natures of the public bodies in that country require. (b)

Recovery of costs, &c., from the owner or occupier of the premises.—Provision is made for the recovering by the town council, &c., from the owner or occupier of the premises, of all costs and expenses reasonably incurred in obtaining the order, or in carrying the same into effect. (c)

Certain expenses of the Act to be defrayed out of the poor-rate, &c.—The act also makes provision for the payment, out of the poor-rates, &c., of all costs and expenses reasonably incurred in carrying into effect any of the before-mentioned provisions, and not recoverable from the owner or occupier of the premises in respect of which such expenses have been incurred. (d)

The foregoing provisions not to apply to districts in which the Public Health Act is in force.—Nothing in the foregoing provisions is to apply to any district, parish, or place in which the Public Health Act, 1848, or any part of it is in force, unless so far as the General Board of Health by order in writing duly signed, &c., shall otherwise direct. But nothing in the act is to be construed to impair, abridge, or take away any power, &c., which may at any time be vested in any Commissioners of Sewers, or to take away or interfere with any course of proceeding which might be resorted to or adopted by such commissioners if this act had not been passed. (e)

Surveyors of highways to cleanse, &c., open ditches, &c., adjoining highways.—Section 6, after reciting

⁽a) Section 1. (b) Section 2. (c) Section 3. (d) Section 4. (e) Section 5.

c. 123.

11 & 12 Vict. the provisions in the 5 & 6 Will. 4, c. 50, and the 8 & 9 Vict. c. 41, relative to the scouring, cleansing, &c., of open ditches, &c., and that, with the view to the more effectual removal of nuisances injurious to health, it is expedient that the surveyor, district surveyor, or assistant surveyor, trustees or surveyors, should not only be empowered but required to scour, &c., all open ditches, &c., upon, adjoining, &c., any highway, enacts, that the said surveyor, &c., shall scour, cleanse, and keep clear, or cause to be scoured, cleansed, or kept clear, as far as may be practicable. all open ditches, gutters, drains, and watercourses upon, adjoining, or by or along the sides of any highways; and any sewage, drainage, soil, filth, or other matter or thing whatsoever, which shall be removed by any such surveyor, &c., from any such ditch, &c., in scouring, &c., the same, is to be disposed of by such surveyor, &c., and the proceeds thereof are to be applied towards the repair of the highway within the parish or place in which such removal shall have taken place; and the provisions before contained with respect to ditches, &c., upon, adjoining, or by or along the sides of highways are, so far as they relate to England, to be deemed a part of the said act (5 & 6 Will. 4, c. 50), and in so far as they relate to Scotland to be deemed part of the 8 & 9 Vict. c. 41. (a)

Drainage from new houses into any open ditch, &c., so as to be a nuisance, forbidden.—By section 7 it is provided that whosoever suffers any sewage, drainage, soil, filth, or any matter or thing of a noxious or offensive nature to run or flow into or remain in any open ditch, gutter, drain, or watercourse, so as to be a nuisance to or injurious to the health of any person from any dwelling-house, building, or other premises which shall not have been

⁽a) Section 6.

occupied before the passing of this act, or from any 11 & 12 Vier. privy or watercloset which shall not have been constructed before that time, is to be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, or in Scotland of an offence punishable by fine or imprisonment, and in addition is to be liable for every such offence to a penalty not exceeding five pounds for every day during which the offence is continued. (a)

This section, though apparently novel and severe in its provisions, is scarcely more than a re-enactment of the old law, under which a party guilty of a public nuisance was liable to be indicted for a misdemeanor. The proceedings against the offender for the committal of the act will be by indictment, whereupon, if he is found guilty, he may be fined and imprisoned. or the one without the other; but if it is sought to recover the penalty mentioned at the end of the section for continuing the nuisance, the proceedings will be of a summary nature before justices, as pointed out by the 17th section. The bringing into operation two jurisdictions upon almost essentially the same subject-matter, may be at times productive of great inconvenience and great personal hardship, and it would probably have been more convenient if the justices had been entirely vested with the power of deciding upon the offence of originating as well as of that of continuing the nuisance, since, in order to deal with the latter offence, it is essential that they should go into the former, and thus it may occur that whilst the justices impose a penalty for continuing the nuisance, the sessions or assizes may hold that no nuisance in fact has existed.

Notice to be given to the General Board of Health, &c., of intention to build, &c., certain hospitals, &c.-Whenever it is intended to build or open any hos-

⁽a) Section 7.

1 & 12 Vict. pital for the reception of patients afflicted with contagious or infectious diseases or disorders, the trustees or other persons by whose authority such hospital is. intended or opened, are to give notice of such intention to the General Board of Health, or in Ireland to the Commissioners of Health, and no such hospital is to be built or opened until the said board, &c., have approved of it in writing. But this is not to apply to the building or opening of any addition to a building which shall have been used as a hospital previously to such addition. (a)

> Privy Council empowered to issue orders for putting in force the provisions of this Act relative to the prevention of epidemic diseases, &c.—The ninth section of this act, after reciting that it is expedient when any part of the United Kingdom shall appear to be threatened with or affected by any formidable epidemic, endemic, or contagious disease, measures of precaution should be taken with promptitude according to the exigency of the case, enacts, that in Great Britain the Privy Council, and in Ireland the Lord Lieutenant and Privy Council, may by order or orders, from time to time direct, that the provisions hereinafter contained for the prevention of epidemic. endemic, and contagious diseases be put in force in Great Britain and Ireland respectively, or in such parts or in such places as may be expressed in such orders, and may revoke such orders, which are to be in force for six months, or for such shorter period as in such order shall be expressed. (b)

> It will be seen that, in pursuance of the powers contained in this section, the Privy Council have ordered that this act shall be brought into operation in Great Britain forthwith (See the Order in Council, post, p. 19).

⁽a) Section 8.

⁽b) Section 9.

General Board of Health to issue directions and 11 & 12 Vict. regulations.—The General Board of Health in Great Britain, and the Commissioners of Health in Ireland may, from time to time during the continuance of the before-mentioned order in council, issue such directions and regulations as they may think fit for the prevention, as far as possible, or mitigation of such epidemic, endemic, or contagious diseases, and may revoke, renew, and alter any such directions and regulations. or substitute new ones, and they may thereby provide for the frequent and effectual cleansing of streets and public ways and places by the surveyors, &c., or by the owners and occupiers of houses and tenements adjoining thereto, and for cleansing, purifying, ventilating, and disinfecting of houses, dwellings, churches, buildings, and places of assembly by the owners or occupiers, and persons having the care and ordering thereof, for the removal of nuisances, for the speedy interment of the dead, and generally for preventing or mitigating such epidemic, endemic, or contagious diseases in such manner as to them (the board, &c.) may seem expedient. (a)

The powers thus conferred upon the Board of Health, though of a plenary character, are not more extensive than the importance of the subject-matter to which they refer requires. The orders in question are to be issued by the board only with a view to the prevention or mitigation of epidemic, endemic, and contagious diseases, and are to remain in force only so long as the order in council before-mentioned remains in force, which, as we have seen, cannot endure for a longer space than six months at a time, and is to issue only when the kingdom is threatened with or affected by any such diseases as those to which reference is made.

⁽a) Section 10.

11 & 12 Vicr. c. 123.

The Board of Health may require Guardians of the Poor, &c., to see to their directions being duly executed, &c.-The Board of Health may, by their directions and regulations, authorize and require the Guardians of the Poor in England and Ireland, and the parochial Boards for the management of the Poor in Scotland, by themselves, &c., or by officers specially appointed in this behalf, to superintend and see to the execution of any of the before-mentioned directions and regulations, and (where it appears that there may be default or delay in the execution of such orders, by want of neglect of the surveyors, &c., or by reason of poverty of occupiers or otherwise) to execute or aid in executing the same, within their respective unions, &c., and in any extra-parochial places adjoining, in which the directions and regulations shall not be executed by the inhabitants. And the said guardians, &c., are to provide for the dispensing of medicines, and for affording to persons afflicted by, or threatened with, such epidemic, endemic, or contagious diseases, such medical aid as may be required, and to do and provide all such acts, matters, and things as may be necessary for superintending or aiding in the execution of such directions and regulations, or for executing the same, as the case may require. The clause provides for the extent over which such directions, &c., shall operate, and the length of time for which they are to endure. and for the appointment in Ireland of Commissioners of Health. (a)

The duties cast upon the Boards of Guardians and other parochial officers by this enactment, are of a most important description. In fact to these functionaries is almost exclusively confined the responsibility of seeing that the preventive and remedial measures enacted by this statute are fully and efficiently carried

⁽a) Section 10.

out. The obligation, therefore, of manifesting great 11 & 12 Vict. activity and perseverance in the performance of the obligations thus imposed upon them, when the grave object in view is contemplated, is a very serious one, and should earnestly and anxiously engage their very best attentions. It will be seen, upon a reference to the 13th and 14th sections, that ample powers are given for the due execution of all the directions before referred to, and for meeting all the necessary expenses.

Appointment of a medical member of the General Board of Health.—Power is given to the Crown, during the continuance of any Order in Council as before mentioned, to appoint a medical member of the General Board of Health. (a)

Poor Law Commissioners to require the officers acting under them to see to the execution of the directions given to the Guardians.—The Poor Law Commissioners of England and Ireland, and the Board of Supervision in Scotland, are to require the officers and persons acting under them, to inquire into, superintend, and report the execution of the directions and regulations of the General Board of Health, &c., and they are to have the same powers for enforcing and directing the execution of such directions and regulations by the said guardians, &c., as they now or may hereafter have in relation to any matter concerning the administration of the Poor Laws. (b)

Power of entry for the purpose of enforcing the directions, &c. of the General Board of Health, &c.—Power is given to the Guardians of the Poor and their officers acting in the execution of the directions and regulations before-mentioned, to enter at reasonable times in the daytime, and inspect any dwelling or place, if there is ground for believing that any person

⁽a) Section 11.

11 & 12 Vict. may have recently died of any such epidemic, endemic, or contagious disease in any such dwelling or place, or that there is any filth or other matter dangerous to health therein, or thereupon, or that necessity may otherwise exist for executing in relation to the premises, all or any of the regulations beforementioned. (a)

> Guardians may appoint officers to carry out directions.—The guardians and parochial boards are empowered to appoint or employ, for the superintendence and execution of the said directions and regulations, officers or persons in aid of the officers or persons employed in the administration of the laws for the relief of the poor. (b)

> The expenses of guardians, &c. to be defrayed out of the poor-rates.—The guardians and parochial boards are to defray the expenses incurred by them in the superintendence and execution of such directions and regulations out of the funds of their respective unions, parishes, or combinations. Provision is also made for the cases of expenses incurred in extra-parochial places. and in parishes in Scotland, in which at the time there is no assessment to the poor. (b)

> Orders in Council, and directions, &c. of the Board of Health, to be laid before Parliament, and gazetted, &c.—Every order of the Privy Council, &c., and all directions and regulations of the General Board of Health, are to be laid before Parliament, and be published in the Gazette, and such publication is to be conclusive evidence of the order, direction, or regulation so published to all intents and purposes. (c)

> Penalties for obstructing the execution of the Act.— A penalty of not exceeding 5l. is imposed upon any person for wilfully obstructing any person acting under the authority, or employed in the execution of this act,

⁽a) Section 13.

⁽b) Section 14.

⁽c) Section 15.

or who shall wilfully violate any directions or regula- 11 & 12 Vict. tions issued by the General Board. And if the occupier of any premises shall prevent the owner from obeying or carrying into effect the provisions of this act, any justice, &c. is, by an order in writing, to require such occupier to permit the execution of the works required to be executed, provided that such works appear to be necessary for the purpose of obeying or carrying into effect the provisions of this act; and if within a reasonable time after the making of such order the occupier shall refuse to comply, he is to be liable to a penalty not exceeding 51. for every day afterwards during the continuance of such refusal. (a)

SCHEDULE (D.)

Order to permit execution of works by owners.

WHEREAS complaint hath been made to County of [or borough, me, E. F. esquire, one of Her Majesty's burgh, or justices of the peace in and for the county Metropolitan Police [or borough, \hat{gc} .] of [or one of the magistrates of the police courts of the District, or as the case may be] metropolis, or as the case may be, or, in Scotland, to me G. H., sheriff, or one of Her Majesty's justices of the peace, as the case may be, of the county of A. B., owner within the meaning of the "Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention Act, 1848," of certain premises, to wit, a dwelling-house [or building, or as the case may be], situate [insert such a description of the premises as may be sufficient to identify them], in the parish of in the said county [or borough, &c.], that C. D., the occupier of the said premises, doth prevent the said A. B. from obeying and carrying into effect the provisions of the said act, in this, to wit, that he the said C. D. doth prevent the said A. B. from [here describe the works generally according to the circumstances; for instance, thus: cleansing or whitewashing or purifying the said dwelling-house, [or building,] or cleansing a foul and offensive drain [ditch, gutter, privy, cesspool, or ashpit] which exists upon the said premises, or as the case may require]: And whereas the said C. D. having been summoned to answer

⁽a) Section 16.

c. 123.

11 & 12 Vict. the said complaint, and not having shown sufficient cause against the same, and it appearing to me that the said works are necessary for the purpose of enabling the said A. B. to obey and carry into effect the provisions of the said act, I do hereby order that the said C. D. do permit the said A. B. to execute the same in the manner required by the said act.

> Given under my hand and seal for, in Scotland, under my hand | this day of in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and

> > E. F. (L. s.)*

* [In Scotland without seal.]

Recovery and application of penalties.—Full provisions are contained in sect. 17 for the recovery and application of penalties imposed under the authority of this act. (a)

The five remaining sections of this enactment refer to the power to sue one or more of several owners or occupiers alone, (b) and to describe them as the "owner" or "occupier" of such premises without further name or description, (c) and that no order, nor any other proceeding, &c., shall be vacated or quashed, or set aside for want of form, or be removed by certiorari, &c. (d) It is provided, however, that proceedings commenced under the 9 & 10 Vict. c. 96, may be enforced, although that act has expired. (e) There is also a general interpretation clause, (f) and it is enacted, that in citing this act in other acts of Parliament, and in legal instruments and other proceedings, it shall be sufficient to use the words, "The Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention Act, 1848."(g)

⁽b) Section 18. (a) Section 17. (c) Section 19.

⁽d) Section 20.

⁽e) Section 21. (g) Section 23.

⁽f) Section 22.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Council Chamber, Whitehall, the 28th day of September, 11 & 12 VICT.

1848, by the Lords of Her Majesty's most Honourable Privy

C. 128.

Council:

WHEREAS by an act, passed in the last session of Parliament, intituled An Act to renew and amend an Act of the Tenth Year of Her present Majesty, for the more speedy Removal of certain Nuisances, and the Prevention of contagious and epidemic Diseases, after reciting that it is expedient that when any part of the United Kingdom shall appear to be threatened with or affected by any formidable epidemic, endemic, or contagious disease, measures of precaution should be taken with promptitude, according to the exigency of the case, it is enacted, that, in Great Britain, the Lords and others of Her Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, or any three or more of them (the Lord President of the Council, or one of Her Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, being one), may, by Order or Orders, to be by them from time to time made, direct, that the provisions in the said act contained for the prevention of epidemic, endemic, and contagious diseases be put in force in Great Britain, or in such parts thereof, or in such places therein respectively, as in such Order or Orders respectively may be expressed, and may from time to time, as to all or any of the parts or places to which any such Order or Orders may extend, and in like manner. revoke or renew any such Order, and subject to revocation and renewal as aforesaid, every such Order shall be in force six calendar months, or for such shorter period as in such Order shall be expressed:

And whereas the United Kingdom appears to be threatened with a formidable epidemic disease, in consequence of the progressive advance of such a disease to the western portion of the Continent of Europe, and a case has arisen for putting in force the provisions of the said act:

Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered by the Lords and others of Her Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council (of whom the Right Honourable Viscount Palmerstone, one of Her Majesty's 11 & 12 Vict. principal Secretaries of State, is one), in pursuance and exercise of the powers so vested in them as aforesaid, that the provisions contained in the said hereinbefore-recited act, for the prevention of epidemic, endemic, and contagious diseases, be put in force throughout the whole of Great Britain immediately from and after the date of this Order.

And it is further enacted, that this Order shall continue in force for six calendar months, from and after the date hereof.

C. C. GREVILLE.

CIRCULAR OF THE POOR LAW COMMISSIONERS.

The following Circular has been issued from the Poor Law Board to the Clerks of the several Boards of Guardians:—

REMOVAL OF NUISANCES ACT.

Poor Law Board, Somerset House, Oct. 6.

SIR—The Poor Law Board desire to call the attention of the guardians to the provisions of the statute 11 & 12 Vict. c. 123, passed in the last session, to renew and amend the act of the 10th year of Her Majesty, for the more speedy removal of certain nuisances, and the prevention of contagious and epidemic diseases.

The guardians will remember that the Poor-Law Commissioners, by a circular letter dated October 8th, 1846, brought the provisions of the 9 & 10 Vict. c. 96, under the notice of the guardians.

The object of the statute is twofold. It provides (1) for the more speedy removal of certain nuisances, and (2) for the prevention of contagious and epidemic diseases; but the provisions for the latter object do not take effect till called into action by an order from the Privy Council.

The first section enacts that upon receipt (or as soon afterwards as can be) by certain bodies therein enumerated, or by any guardians of the poor, of a notice in a form set forth in a schedule to the act, or to the like effect, signed by two or more inhabitant householders of the parish or place to which the notice relates, stating—

"That to the best of their knowledge and belief any dwelling- 11 & 12 Vict. house or building in any city, town, borough, parish, or place within or over which the jurisdiction or authority of such bodies or guardians extends, is in such a filthy and unwholesome condition as to be a nuisance to, or injurious to the health of any person;

"Or that upon any premises within such jurisdiction or authority there is any foul and offensive ditch, gutter, drain, privy, cesspool, or ash-pit, or any ditch, &c., kept or constructed so as to be a nuisance to, or injurious to the health of any

"Or that upon any such premises swine, or an accumulation of dung, manure, offal, filth, refuse, or other matter or thing are or is kept so as to be a nuisance to, or injurious to the health of any person;

"Or that upon any such premises (being a building used wholly or in part as a dwelling-house) or being premises underneath any such building, any cattle or animal are or is kept so as to be a nuisance to, or injurious to the health of any person:"

Such bodies or guardians, or some committee thereof, appointed in this behalf by such bodies or guardians, shall, after twenty-four hours' notice in writing delivered to some person on the premises, or if there be no person there, affixed on some part of the premises (or in case of emergency without notice) by themselves, their servants or agents, with or without medical or other assistants, enter and examine the premises with reference to the matters alleged in the notice of the complainants, and do all that may be necessary for such purpose; and if upon such examination, or upon the certificate of two legally qualified medical practitioners, the existence of the nuisance appears, such body or guardians shall thereupon lay a complaint before a justice of the peace, who shall summon the owner or occupier to appear before two justices to answer such complaint.

Such justices are then required, if the existence of the nuisance is proved to their satisfaction, to make an order for cleansing, whitewashing or purifying such dwelling-house or building, or for the removal or abatement of the cause of complaint in such manner and within such time as shall be appointed.

11 & 12 Vіст. с. 123.

This order is to be served in the same manner as the summons, and if not complied with, the owner or occupier against whom it is made will be liable to a penalty not exceeding 10s. for each day of default, and the guardians or other body mentioned therein shall themselves or by their servants enter the premises and cleanse them, or remove the cause of complaint, and do all that may be necessary for carrying such order into effect.

Any dung, manure, or other thing which is removed may be destroyed or sold, and if sold the proceeds shall be paid to or retained by the guardians, and shall be applied by them in aid of the poor-rate of the place in which the removal shall have been made.

It should be mentioned, that the statute provides in section 16, that whosever shall wilfully obstruct any person acting under the authority or employed in the execution of the act, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds for each offence.

Sect. 3 provides, that the costs and expenses reasonably incurred in obtaining the order or carrying it into effect, may be recovered from the owner or occupier of the premises in respect whereof they have been incurred as a debt in the County Court, or by summary process before two justices, unless such justices shall think fit to excuse such person upon the ground of poverty or other special circumstances.

The statute then enacts, in sect. 4, that all costs and expenses reasonably incurred as aforesaid in carrying into effect any of these provisions, and not recovered from the owner or occupier of the premises in respect whereof they have been incurred, shall, upon an order of two justices, be retained, paid, or defrayed by the treasurer of the guardians or by the overseers of the poor out of the funds in their hands applicable to the relief of the poor, and shall be charged to the parish or place wherein the premises in respect whereof they have been incurred shall be situated. By the same section provision is made for the payment of these costs when incurred in extraparochial places. This order, if not obeyed within twenty-one days, is to be enforced by a warrant of distress.

The guardians will perceive that this provision extends, as the similar one in the former act did, to the expenses incurred by any party authorized to take proceedings, and consequently is 11 & 12 Vict. not confined to expenses incurred by themselves.

By sect. 7, the drainage of falth, &c., from houses not occupied before the 4th of September, 1848, into open ditches so as to occasion a nuisance to or be injurious to the health of any person, will subject the occupier to a penalty of 5L per day during the continuance of the offence, and he may also be indicted for a misdemeanor.

There is a like provision with respect to drainage from waterclosets or privies constructed after the 4th September, 1848, and the penalties in that case will attach whether the privy or water-closet so constructed be attached to a house occupied before or after that day.

The statute requires each or any of the several bodies named in it to take proceedings upon receiving such a notice as has been described from competent parties. As, however, the guardians will have to pay the expenses of the proceedings wherever (as must frequently be the case) they are not recovered from the owner or the occupier, it will be most expedient for them to have the conduct of the whole matter. They will do well, therefore, to promote rather than to discourage applications being made to them under the statute.

It is also desirable that the guardians should be aware that by the interpretation clause, sect. 22, the words, "guardians of the poor" mean "the guardians, directors, wardens, governors, parochial board, or other like officers having the management of the poor for any union, parish, or place, where the matter requiring the cognizance of any such officers arises;" and the word "owner" means "any person receiving the rents of the property in respect of which that word is used from the occupier of such property on his own account, or as trustee or agent for any other person, or who would receive the same if such property were let to a tenant."

The board think it may be useful to advert briefly to the chief points of difference regarding the removal of nuisances, between the present act and that which has just expired.

By the *present* act a notice from two householders is sufficient to enable the guardians to act; by the *late* act a certificate signed by two duly qualified medical practitioners was needed, before the guardians could act. By the *present* act it is c. 123.

11 & 12 Vict. made imperative on the guardians or other bodies to whom notice is given to proceed forthwith in the manner prescribed; by the late act it was discretionary with the guardians and other bodies, whether they would take the proceedings for the abatement of the nuisance. By the present act a penalty of 10s. is imposed upon the owner or occupier who disobeys an order of justices, for every day he makes default; by the late act no such pecuniary penalty was imposed; by the present act, to enable the guardians or other bodies to determine whether proceedings ought to be taken or not, an entry of the premises for the purpose of examination is authorized; by the late act a right of entry only was given to enforce the order of justices when made. Under the present act express powers are given for distraining a defaulter's goods wherever they may be found. The act also authorizes dung, &c., found on the premises to be destroyed or sold. These powers were not given by the late act; the present act distinctly assigns duties to the guardians and poor law officers as well as to surveyors and others charged with the management of roads and surface cleansing. provision for this purpose is new.

> The former was a temporary act; the present is permanent. The present, like the former act, is applicable to the whole of the United Kingdom. The only exception is in the cases of "districts" formed under the Public Health Act, where, in order to prevent conflicting jurisdiction, a discretion will be exercised by the General Board of Health as to how far the present act shall be applied.

> The guardians will observe that by the second part of the act the Board of Health are charged with the duty of preparing regulations which the union and parochial officers are required to enforce in the event of the country being afflicted or threatened with any formidable epidemic, endemic, or contagious disease.

> The progressive advance of a formidable epidemic to the western part of Europe has, in the opinion of Government, rendered necessary the enforcement of the act. An order in council has accordingly been issued for putting it in force throughout the kingdom.

> The guardians and the union and other local officers must now therefore, in compliance with these provisions, act upon all

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regulations which they may receive from the General Board of 11 & 12 Vict. Health for such places as that Board may deem to require them; and on all questions regarding the execution of this part of the act the guardians may communicate directly with the

It must be stated to the guardians that on the subjectmatters of the present act, and on the means for the prevention both of disease and of the destitution arising from sickness and premature mortality, the General Board of Health purpose to communicate information specially adapted for the guidance of medical and other officers, by means of an official circular, which will be issued in the same form, and may be taken at the discretion of guardians in the same manner as the official circular of the Poor-Law Board.

While upon the subject of this statute, which relates to the prevention of disease, the board think it well to mention, though it does not immediately affect the guardians, that by sect. 67 of the Public Health Act, the churchwardens and overseers are required from time to time, after the passing of that act, to give public notice as to the provisions with respect to the occupation of cellars and underground rooms, and that those provisions are imperative, whether the Public Health Act is in force within their parish or not.

In conclusion, the board think it desirable to repeat the following observations of the late commissioners made in their circular letter of the 8th October, 1846:—

"The improvement of the sanitary condition of the poorer classes tends so geatly to remove many of the causes of destitution and pauperism, that the money judiciously expended on such an object, now sanctioned by the Legislature, in the cases to which the statute applies, will be found to be most profitably laid out, even in reference to the more direct object of the duties of the guardians."

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

W. G. LUMLEY, Assistant Sec.

SANITARY REGULATIONS.

[From the London Gazette, October 27, 1848.]

General Board of Health, Gwydyr House, Whitehall.

11 & 12 Vict. c. 123.

The General Board of Health have agreed to the following regulations, under the "Nuisances Removal and Diseases Act, 1848," 11 & 12 Vict. c. 123, applicable to the parochial boards for the management of the poor in the following parishes in and near Edinburgh, viz., City of Edinburgh, St. Cuthbert's, Canongate, North Leith, and South Leith.

Whereas by the act 11 & 12 Vict. c. 123, intituled "An act to remove and amend an act of the 10th year of her present Majesty, for the more speedy removal of certain nuisances, and the prevention of epidemic and contagious diseases," the General Board of Health is empowered to issue such directions and regulations for carrying into effect the provisions of the said act, as to them may seem fit; now we, the said General Board of Health, do hereby authorize and direct the parochial boards for the management of the poor in the following parishes in and near Edinburgh—namely, the city of Edinburgh, St. Cuthbert's, Canongate, North Leith and South Leith, to execute, or see to the execution of, the directions and regulations following, viz.:—

1. We hereby authorize and require the said parochial boards to provide dispensaries in suitable stations, with sufficient medical aid, such dispensaries to be accessible at all times by night and by day to persons requiring medical aid for themselves or others attacked by cholera or by any of its premonitory symptoms, and to provide the medicines to be distributed to such applicants at such dispensaries; and such medicines and cordials as may be required elsewhere in their respective parishes for necessitous persons attacked as aforesaid, who may be under medical treatment.

- 2. And we do further authorize and require the parochial 11 & 12 Vict. boards of the said parishes and places to make arrangements for the distribution of notices, stating the places where the dispensaries shall have been provided.
- 3. Whereas it has heretofore been found to be impracticable to ensure proper treatment in their own houses to many of the poorer classes, we authorize and require the said parochial boards respectively to provide houses or suitable rooms, capable of accommodating necessitous cases, to which persons attacked by cholera, who cannot be properly treated in their own houses, may be conveyed.
- 4. We authorize and require the said parochial boards to provide houses of refuge, to which may be removed the families of such necessitous persons as have been attacked with cholera and also such necessitous persons living under the same roof or in the vicinity of persons so attacked, as the medical officers acting under the authority of the said parochial boards may deem it necessary to remove; the houses, rooms, or dwellings from which persons may have been so removed to the houses of refuge, to be cleansed and purified by the owners or persons having the care or ordering thereof, or, in their default, by the said parochial boards respectively.
- 5. And we hereby authorize and require the said parochial board to provide for the frequent visitation by themselves or their officers, or such persons as they may appoint in this behalf, of the several houses and dwellings throughout the bounds of their several parishes, and to inquire into the condition and matters affecting the health of the inmates of such houses and dwellings respectively, and their liability to contagious, epidemic, or endemic diseases, and especially as to the existence among them of bowel complaints.
- 6. And we authorize and require the said parochial board, on their own inspection, or the report of the officers or persons by whom such visitations may be made, or other information which they may acquire from their own committees, or from visitors or others, as to the condition of the poor who may be affected with, or threatened by the cholera or other epidemic disease, to supply such medical aid as may appear requisite.
- 7. And we hereby authorize and require the parochial board or the officer or person visiting as aforesaid, subject to the

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11 & 12 Vict. special instructions of the parochial board in each case where symptoms are found of a premonitory attack of bowel complaint, to send the person so affected to the nearest dispensary within the bounds of the parish, or, where that may be inexpedient, to despatch some member of the family or other person for advice and medical aid, and immediately report to the medical officer the case of every such person found so affected who shall not have proceeded to the dispensary.

- 8. And we do authorize and direct the several parochial boards to make arrangements for obtaining daily lists of persons attacked by cholera within their respective parishes, with the particulars of their cases and treatment, and for communicating the same daily to the other boards respectively, and to the President of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh.
- 9. And we do hereby authorize and direct the said parochial boards to appoint such additional medical officers, and also appoint such other officers as may be necessary to carry out, execute, and superintend the execution of these regulations.

Given under our hands, and under the seal of the General Board of Health, this 20th day of October, 1848.

> EDWIN CHADWICK, T. SOUTHWOOD SMITH.

SANITARY REGULATIONS.

[From the London Gazette, October 31, 1848.]

SECOND NOTIFICATION.

IN RESPECT TO THE ORDERS AND REGULATIONS ISSUED BY THE GENERAL BOARD OF HEALTH, UNDER THE AU-THORITY OF THE NUISANCES REMOVAL AND DISEASES PREVENTION ACT.

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WHEREAS, by the provisions of the "Nuisances Removal 11 & 12 Vict. and Diseases Prevention Act," 1848, for the prevention of epidemic, endemic, and contagious diseases, and by virtue of an order of the Lords of Her Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, bearing date the 28th day of September, 1848, directing that the said provisions of the said act be put in force throughout the whole of Great Britain; we, the General Board of Health, are authorized to issue such directions and regulations as the said board shall think fit for the prevention (as far as possible) or mitigation of epidemic, endemic, or contagious diseases; and whereas by the said act it is provided, that the directions and regulations to be issued as aforesaid shall extend to all parts or places in which the said provisions of the said act shall, for the time being, be in force, under the order of Her Majesty's Privy Council, unless such directions or regulations shall be expressly confined to some of such parts or places, and then to such parts or places as in such directions and regulations shall be specified:

Now, in exercise of the authority vested in us as aforesaid, we, the General Board of Health, do issue the directions and regulations hereinafter contained, to extend to all parts and places within the above-named parishes, townships, and unions 11 & 12 Vict. of parishes, and to all extra-parochial places adjoining to c. 63. such parishes, townships, and unions of parishes respectively, viz.:-

Surveyors. &c. once in every twenty-four hours to cleanse all such streets, &c. as by the medical officer of the guardians, &c. shall be certified, &c.

I. We direct that all surveyors and district or assistant surveyors of highways, trustees, county surveyors, and others, by law entrusted with the care and management of the streets and public ways and places within the parts or places to which these directions and regulations extend, shall, once at least in every twenty-four hours, effectually cleanse all such of the streets, rows, lanes, mews, courts, alleys, closes, and passages, and public ways and places, under their respective care and management, as by the medical officer of the guardians, or others authorized to superintend the execution of this direction and regulation, shall be certified in writing to be in a state dangerous to health, or to require frequent and effectual cleansing by way of precaution against disease; and shall remove all filth, ordure, and nuisances therefrom.

Where streets, &c. not entrusted to surveyor, &c. and certified, the occupiers to cleanse same twenty-four hours.

II. And where any such streets, rows, lanes, mews, courts, alleys, and any passages, public ways, or places, to which any houses or tenements adjoin, which have not been entrusted by law to the care or management of any surveyors, trustees, or others, have been certified in writing, by such medical officer as once in every aforesaid, to be in a state dangerous to health, or to require such frequent and effectual cleansing, we direct that every occupier of a house or tenement so adjoining shall keep, or cause to be kept, sufficiently cleansed at least once in every twenty-four hours such part of the street, row, lane, mews, court, alley, or passage, or place as adjoins the house or tenement occupied by him.

Cleansing, &c. to be by such means as directed by the medical officer of guardians.

And we direct that all such works of cleansing and removal of filth, ordure, and nuisances, as are required by these directions and regulations, shall be done in such manner, by effectual washing or otherwise, and with the use of such fluids or substances for preventing the escape of noxious effluvia during the operation, as the medical officer of the guardians or others authorized to superintend the execution of these directions and regulations shall think necessary and shall direct.

Guardians to see to the regulations.

III. We do hereby authorize and require the guardians of execution of the poor, directors, wardens, governors, and other like officers. the foregoing having the management of the relief of the poor for the said

several parishes and unions of parishes to which these our 11 & 12 Vict. directions and regulations extend, by themselves or by their officers or persons employed under them in the administration of the laws for the relief of the poor, or by officers or persons specially appointed in this behalf, to superintend and see to the execution of the foregoing directions and regulations within their respective parishes and unions, and in any extra-parochial places adjoining thereto respectively.

IV. And further, where it shall appear that by want or If from neglect by neglect of surveyors, trustees, or others entrusted with the care surveyors or and management of the relief of the poor, or by reason of from poverty poverty of the occupiers or otherwise, there may be any default delay is or delay in the cleansing of or removing nuisances from any occasioned, guardians street, row, lane, mews, court, alley, passage, or public way or may cleanse, place certified as aforesaid, within any parish or union, or any extra-parochial place adjoining thereto, we authorize and require such guardians of the poor, directors, wardens, governors, and other like officers as aforesaid for such parish or union, to cause such street, row, lane, mews, court, alley, passage, way, or place, to be effectually cleansed, and all nuisances to be removed . therefrom, and to do all acts, matters, and things necessary for that purpose.

V. We also direct as follows:-

That when and so often as any dwelling-house, in any part If dwellingor place to which these directions and regulations extend, is in filthy or unsuch a filthy and unwholesome condition as to be a nuisance to wholesome condition, or injurious to the health of any person, or,

Where upon any premises, or any part or place as aforesaid, Offensive there is any foul and offensive drain, ditch, gutter, privy, ditch, &c. a cesspool, or ashpit, or any drain, ditch, gutter, privy, cesspool, or nuisance, &c. ashpit kept or constructed so as to be a nuisance to or injurious to the health of any person, or,

Where upon any such premises, swine, or any accumulation Swine or of dung, manure, offal, filth, refuse, or other matter or thing is kept so as to kept, so as to be a nuisance to or injurious to the health of any be a nuisance person, or,

Where upon any such premises (being a building used wholly underneath or in part as a dwelling-house), or being premises underneath a dwellingany such building, any animal is kept so as to be a nuisance or animal kept injurious to the health of any person,

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Owners or occupiers to cleanse, &c. such premises, or abate such nuisance. In each of the above-recited cases, the owner or occupier, and persons having the care or ordering of such dwelling-house, or of the premises where the nuisance or matter injurious to health may be, shall cleanse, whitewash, or otherwise purify, as the case may require, such dwelling-house or building, or abate or remove the nuisance or matter injurious to health as aforesaid, with all reasonable speed, after the publication of these our directions and regulations, or after the nuisance or matter injurious to health shall have arisen.

If occupier too poor, he is to give notice thereof to the guardians. VI. In case, by reason of poverty or otherwise, the occupier of any such dwelling-house or premises is unable to perform any works required by these directions or regulations, such occupier shall give notice of such his inability to the guardians or others having the management of the relief of the poor for the parish or union comprising the place wherein the premises shall be situated.

Guardians, &c. to see to the foregoing directions. VII. We authorize and require the guardians, directors, wardens, governors, and others having the management of the poor for the unions and parishes aforesaid, by themselves or by officers by them authorized in this behalf,

To see to the execution of the direction hereinbefore contained for the cleansing and purifying of dwelling-houses, and for the abatement and removal of nuisances and matters injurious to health; and for that purpose,

To visit dwelling, where necessity may arise for executing directions. If from poverty, of occupier there is default or delay, the

medical officer to

certify, &c.

To visit, from time to time, or cause to be visited, the several dwellings and places where there may be ground for believing that necessity will arise for executing such directions.

VIII. And in every case in which from the poverty of occupiers or otherwise there may be default or delay in the cleansing or purifying of any such dwelling-house, or in the abatement or removal of any such nuisance or matter injurious to health, and the medical officer, or other person duly authorized as aforesaid, shall certify that the same requires immediate attention; and in every case in which from want of co-operation of the owners or occupiers there is any default or delay in cleansing any such drain, ditch, watercourse, or gutter into which several dwellings or tenements may drain;

Guardians thereupon to cause house to be cleansed, &c. We authorize and require such guardians amd others, having the management of the relief of the poor for the parish or union, to cause such dwelling-houses to be cleansed or purified, and such drain, ditch, watercourse, or gutter, to be frequently 11 & 12 Vict. and effectually cleansed, and such nuisance or matter injurious to health to be abated and removed respectively, and to and do all acts and provide all matters and things necessary for that abated. purpose.

IX. And we do further authorize and require the guardians Guardians to to direct their clerk of the said unions to make out from the their clerks register of deaths, or from the district medical relief books, and to make out list of from any public books or other sources from which information places where may be obtained within the union or parish, a list of places endemic, and where epidemic, endemic, and contagious diseases have of late contagious diseases been frequent.

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X. And we authorize and require such guardians and others, having the management of the relief of the poor for each union Medical officer to or parish, to cause the medical officers employed by them, or visit such specially appointed for the purpose, to visit the places, of which a list shall be made out as aforesaid, and all such neighbouring and other places within such union or parish as shall appear to such medical officers (from being under like circumstances with the places included in such list or otherwise) to require visitation or examination.

XI. And each such medical officer shall, where it may be officer to necessary, certify in writing to the board of guardians, and to board of the surveyors, trustees, occupiers, or others required to execute &c. all such these directions and regulations, all such places as are in a state places as are dangerous to health, or need frequent and effectual cleansing by health. way of preservation against disease, and such dwelling-houses or need cleansing as are in a filthy and unwholesome condition, and all such &c. and all nuisances and matters injurious to health as ought to be abated, requiring to cleansed, and removed under these regulations.

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XII. And each such medical officer shall forthwith upon any officer upon case of cholera, or of typhus, or other epidemic, endemic, and any case of contagious disease, becoming known to him within the parish, typhus, or union, or district under his visitation, report the same to the disease, &c. guardians or others having the management of the poor for the becoming union or parish.

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XIII. And where it shall be certified to the guardians or report same to guardians. others having the management of the relief of the poor for any If certified to union or parish, by their medical officer or officers, or where it guardians or known to shall otherwise sufficiently appear to such guardians or others them that

extraordinary medical aid is required for persons attacked with cholera, &c., they are to provide medicines, &с.

Suitable rooms to be provided for necessitous cases.

Places of refuge for removal of families attacked with cholera, &c.

11 & 12 Vict. that extraordinary medical aid is required for persons attacked or threatened by cholera or epidemic, endemic, or contagious disease, we authorize and require such guardians and others to provide sufficient medical aid, and, in suitable places, such medicines as may be required in their respective parishes for necessitous persons attacked by cholera or by premonitory symptoms, and to make arrangements for the distribution of notices, stating the places where aid and medicines shall have been provided.

XIV. Whereas it has heretofore been found impracticable to ensure proper treatment in their own houses to many of the poorer classes, we authorize and require the said guardians or others, where it shall appear that such extraordinary aid is required, to provide suitable rooms or places, capable of accommodating necessitous cases, to which persons attacked by cholera, who cannot be properly treated in their own houses, may be conveyed.

XV. And we also authorize and require the said guardians or others, where it shall appear needful, to provide rooms or places of refuge to which may be removed the families of such necessitous persons as have been attacked with cholera, and also such necessitous persons living under the same roof with, or in the vicinity of, persons so attacked, as the medical officers acting under the authority of the said guardians or others may deem it necessary to remove; and the houses, rooms, or dwellings, from which persons may have been so removed to the houses of refuge, shall be cleansed and purified by the owners or persons having the care or ordering thereof, or, in their default, by the said guardians or others.

XVI. And on the occurrence of any case of cholera, or other epidemic, endemic, or contagious disease, in any room occupied by one family, or more, we hereby authorize and require the medical officer to remove, or cause to be removed, either the patient, or so many of the occupants of such room as he shall consider would, unless removed, tend to prevent the recovery of the patient, or endanger the spreading of the disease.

XVII. And in case of death by cholera, or any other epicholera, &c. demic, endemic, or contagious disease, we hereby authorize and require the last medical attendant upon the person of the deceased, or in case of there having been no medical attendant.

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In case of death by the last medical attendant. the housekeeper or person present at the death, or who is in 11 & 12 Vict. charge of the body, forthwith to notify the fact of the death to the medical officer of the district who is charged with the exe- &c. to notify cution of these orders for the prevention of the spread of such the district

And we do hereby authorize such medical officer to give such Medical directions as may appear to him to be needful, in respect to the officer to care, removal, and the time of interment of the body for pre- tions for the venting the communication or spread of disease.

And we hereby authorize and require all persons to give such body. information or such assistance to such medical officer, and to All persons be otherwise aiding him as he may need in the execution of medical these orders.

XVIII. And in the event of the fatal termination of any case In case of of cholera, or of epidemic, endemic, or contagious disease, in any death from cholera, &c. room occupied as a living or sleeping room by one family or in a room more, or by numerous persons, we hereby authorize and require one family the medical officer to remove, or cause to be removed as speedily corpse or as may be, either the corpse or the persons occupying such removed. rooms, until the corpse can be conveniently removed and properly interred.

XIX. And we do authorize and direct the said guardians or Guardians to others to make arrangements for obtaining daily lists of persons obtain daily lists of attacked by cholera or other epidemic disease within their persons atrespective parishes or unions, with the particulars of their cases cholera, &c. and treatment, and for communicating the same daily to the and transmit General Board of Health.

XX. And we do hereby authorize and direct the said guar- health. dians or others, where it may appear needful, to appoint such Guardians additional medical officers, and also to appoint such other officers may appoint additional as may be necessary to execute and superintend the execution medical, of these regulations, and to publish and circulate by printed and other officers, and hand-bills, or other means, notices of the provisions of the said to publish act for the prevention of nuisances, and of our regulations and notices of instructions, or of such part of any of them as it may appear the prodesirable to make publicly known.

Given under our hands, and under the seal of the General Board of Health, this 20th day of October, 1848.

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SANITARY REGULATIONS.

[From the London Gazette, November 21, 1848.]

THIRD NOTIFICATION.

THE General Board of Health having, under the authority of 11 & 12 Vict. the statute, issued one set of orders, directing that the places frequently visited by epidemics should be sought out and examined, and that measures of prevention should be carried into effect, as far as practicable, by cleansing; having also, in addition to these orders, issued special regulations for the direction of medical relief in places where cases of cholera have appeared, and numerous applications having, from time to time, been made to the Board from other places for these special regulations,

It has appeared to the General Board of Health to be desirable that these special orders and regulations should hereafter take effect, without further notification, in all places forthwith, upon the actual occurrence of cases of cholera, and by these orders and regulations they do so provide.

In all cases, however, in which these orders are acted upon, immediate notice of the fact must be sent to the General Board of Health, and the medical officers will be required to notify, from time to time, for the information of the Board, any progress which the epidemic may make in their respective districts.

Signed by order of the Board,

HENRY AUSTIN, Secretary.

11 & 12 Vict. To the Guardians of the Poor of the several Unions and c. 123. Parishes named in the schedules hereunto annexed;

To the Owners and Occupiers of Houses, Dwellings, Churches, Buildings, and Places of Assembly within the said Unions and Parishes, and others having the care and ordering thereof;

And to all whom it may concern.

Whereas by the provisions of "The Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention Act, 1848," for the prevention of epidemic, endemic, and contagious diseases, and by virtue of an order of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, bearing date the 28th day of September, 1848, directing that the said provisions of the said act be put in force throughout the whole of Great Britain, we, the General Board of Health, are authorized to issue such directions and regulations as the said board shall think fit for the prevention, as far as possible, or mitigation of epidemic, endemic, or contagious diseases; and whereas by the said act it is provided, that the directions and regulations to be issued as aforesaid shall extend to all parts or places in which the said provisions of the said act shall for the time being be in force under the order of Her Majesty's Privy Council, unless such directions and regulations shall be expressly confined to some of such parts or places, and then to such parts or places as in such directions and regulations shall be specified; and whereas, in pursuance of the said act, we issued certain directions and regulations, bearing date the 3rd day of November instant, to extend to the unions and parishes mentioned in the schedules hereunto annexed, and to all extraparochial places adjoining to such unions and parishes; and whereas it appears to us expedient to issue the further directions and regulations hereinafter contained.

Now, in exercise of the authority vested in us as aforesaid, we, the General Board of Health, do issue the directions and regulations hereinafter contained, to extend to all parts and places within the several unions and parishes named in the schedules hereunto annexed, and to all extra-parochial places adjoining to such unions and parishes.

I. We direct that where it shall be certified to the guardians by their medical officer or officers, or where it shall otherwise sufficiently appear to such guardians that extraordinary medical aid is required for persons attacked or threatened by cholera, or epidemic, endemic, or contagious diseases, we authorize and require such guardians, without further notification, to provide sufficient medical

aid, and, in suitable places, such medicines as may be required 11 & 12 Vict. within their respective unions and parishes for necessitous persons attacked by cholera or by premonitory symptoms, and to make arrangements for the distribution of notices, stating the places where aid and medicines shall have been provided.

II. Whereas it has heretofore been found impracticable to insure proper treatment in their own houses to many of the poorer classes, we authorize and require the said guardians, where it shall appear that such extraordinary aid is required, to provide suitable rooms or places, capable of accommodating necessitous cases, to which persons attacked by cholera, who cannot be properly treated in their own houses, may be conveyed.

III. And we also authorize and require the said guardisms, where it shall appear needful, to provide rooms or places of refuge to which may be removed the families of such necessitous persons as have been attacked by cholera; and also such necessitous persons living under the same roof with or in the vicinity of persons so attacked, as the medical officer or officers acting under the authority of the said guardians may deem it necessary to remove; and the houses, rooms, or dwellings, from which persons may have been so removed to the places of refuge, shall be cleansed and purified by the owners or persons having the care or ordering thereof, or, in their default, by the said guardians.

IV. And on the occurrence of any case of cholera, or other epidemic, endemic, or contagious disease, in any room occupied by one family or more, we hereby authorize and require the medical officer to remove, or cause to be removed, either the patient, or so many of the occupants of such room as he shall consider would, unless removed, tend to prevent the recovery of the patient, or endanger the spreading of the disease.

V. And in case of death by cholera, or any other epidemic, endemic, or contagious disease, we hereby authorize and require the last medical attendant upon the person of the deceased, or, in case of there having been no medical attendant, the housekeeper or person present at the death, or who is in charge of the body, forthwith to notify the fact of the death to the medical officer of the district, who is charged with the execution of these orders for the prevention of the spread of such disease.

And we do hereby authorize such medical officer to give such directions as may appear to him to be needful, in respect to the care, removal, and the time of interment of the body, for preventing the communication or spread of disease.

And we hereby authorize and require all persons to give such

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otherwise aiding him as he may need in the execution of these
orders.

VI. And in the event of the fatal termination of any case of cholera, or of other epidemic, endemic, or contagious disease, in any room occupied as a living or sleeping room by one family or more, or by numerous persons, we hereby authorize and require the medical officer to remove, or cause to be removed, as speedily as may be, either the corpse or the persons occupying such room, until the corpse can be conveniently removed and properly interred.

VII. And we do authorize and direct the said guardians to make arrangements for obtaining daily lists of persons attacked by cholera, or other epidemic, endemic, or contagious disease, within their respective unions and parishes, with the particulars of their cases and treatment, and for communicating the same daily to the General Board of Health.

VIII. And we do hereby authorize and direct the said guardians, where it may appear needful, to appoint such additional medical officers, and also to appoint such other officers as may be necessary to execute and superintend the execution of these regulations; and to publish and circulate, by printed hand bills or other means, notices of our directions and regulations, or of such part of any of them as it may appear desirable to make publicly known.

IX. And we hereby direct, that in these directions and regulations, and in the directions and regulations already issued by us as aforesaid, the words "guardians of the poor," and the word "guardians," respectively, shall mean the guardians, directors, wardens, governors, or other like officers having the management of the poor for any union, parish, or place, where the matter requiring the cognizance of any such officers arises; and the word "parishes" shall include every place where the relief of the poor is administered by a board of guardians for such place.

Given under our hands and under the seal of the General Board of Health, this eighteenth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight.

CABLISLE.
ASHLEY.
EDWIN CHADWICK.
T. SOUTHWOOD SMITH.

SANITARY REGULATIONS.

A Supplement to the London Gazette was published on November 4, containing the directions and regulations of the General Board of Health, and the following schedule, containing the names of the Unions to which those directions and regulations apply, viz.:—

Aberaeron, Abergavenny, Aberystwith, Abingdon, Alban (St.), Alcester, Alderbury, Alnwick, Alresford, Alton, Altrincham, Amersham, Amesbury, Ampthill, Andover, Anglesey, Asaph (St.), Ashbourne, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Ashford (East), Ashford (West), Ashton-under-Lyne, Aston, Atcham, Atherstone, Auckland, Austel (St.), Axbridge, Axminster, Aylesbury, Aylesford (North), Aylsham.

Bakewell, Bola, Banbury, Bangor and Beaumaris, Barnet, Barnetaple, Barrow-upon-Soar, Basford, Basingstoke, Bath, Battle, Beaminster, Bedale, Bedford, Bedminster, Belford, Bellingham, Belper, Berkhampstead, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Beverley, Bicester, Bideford, Biggleswade, Billericay, Billesdon, Bingham, Biahop's Stortford, Blaby, Blackburn, Blean, Blofield, Blything, Bodmin, Bolton, Bootle, Bosmere and Claydon, Boston, Boughton (Great), Bourn, Brackley, Bradfield, Bradford (Wilts), Bradford (York), Braintree, Brampton, Brecknock, Brentford, Bridge, Bridgend and Cowbridge, Bridgwater, Bridgnorth, Bridlington, Bridport, Bristol, Brixworth, Bromley, Bromsgrove, Bromyard, Buckingham, Builth, Buntingford, Burnley, Burton-upon-Trent, Bury, Bury St. Edmunds.

Caistor, Calne, Cambridge, Camelford, Canterbury, Cardiff, Cardigan, Carlisle, Carmarthen, Carnarvon, Castleward, Catherington, Caxton and Arrington, Cerne, Chailey, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Chard, Cheadle, Chelmsford, Cheltenham, Chepstow, Chertsey, Chester, Chesterfield, Chester-le-Street, Chesterton, Chichester, Chippenham, Chipping Norton, Chipping Sodbury, Chorley, Chorlton, Christchurch, Church Stretton, Cirencester, Cleobury Mortimer, Clifton, Clitheroe, Clun, Clutton, Cockermouth, Colchester, Columb (St. Major), Congleton, Conway, Cookham, Corwen, Cosford, Coventry, Cranbrook, Crediton, Crickhowel, Cricklade and Wootton Bassett, Croydon, Cuckfield.

Darlington, Dartford, Daventry, Depwade, Derby, Devizes, Dewsbury, Docking, Dolgelly, Doncaster, Dorchester, Dore, Dorking, Dover, Downham, Drayton, Driffield, Droitwich, Droxfield, Dulverton, Dunmow, Durham, Dursley.

Easington, Easingwold, Eastbourne, East Grinstead, Easthampstead, East Retford, Eastry, East Ward, Eccleshall Bierlow, Edmonton, Elham, Ellesmere, Ely, Epping, Epsom, Erpingham, Eton, Evesham, Exeter.

Faith (St.), Falmouth, Fareham, Faringdon, Farnham, Feversham, Festiniog, Flegg (East and West), Foleshill, Fording-bridge, Forehoe, Freebridge Lynn, Frome, Fulham, Fylde (the).

Gainsborough, Garstang, German's (St.), Giles (St., in the Fields) and George (St., Bloomsbury), Glanford Brigg, Glendale, Glossop, Gloucester, Godstone, Goole, Grantham, Gravesend and Milton, Greenwich, Guildford, Guiltcross, Guisborough.

Hackney, Hailsham, Halifax, Halstead, Haltwhistle, Hambledon, Hardingstone, Hartismere, Hartley Wintney, Haslingden, Hastings, Hatfield, Havant, Haverfordwest, Hay, Hayfield, Headington, Helmsley Blackmoor, Helston, Hemel Hempstead, Hendon, Henley, Henstead, Hereford, Hertford, Hexham, Highworth and Swindon, Hinckley, Hitchin, Holbeach, Holborn, Hollingbourn, Holsworthy, Holywell, Honiton, Hoo, Horncastle, Horsham, Houghton-le-Spring, Howden, Hoxne, Huddersfield, Hungerford, Huntingdon, Hursley.

Ipswich (St. Ives).

Keighley, Kendal, Kettering, Keynsham, Kidderminster, Kingsbridge, Kingselere, King's Lynn, King's Norton, Kingston-upon-Thames, Kington, Kirby Moorside, Knighton.

Lampeter, Lancaster, Lanchester, Langport, Launceston, Ledbury, Leek, Leicester, Leigh, Leighton Buzzard, Leominster, Lewes, Lewisham, Lexden and Winstree, Leyburn, Lichfield, Lincoln, Linton, Liskeard, Llandilo Fawr, Llandovery, Llanelly, Llandyllin, Llanwrst, Loddon and Clavering, London (City of), London (East), London (West), Longtown, Loughborough, Louth, Ludlow, Luton, Lutterworth, Lymington.

Macelesfield, Machynlleth, Madeley, Maidstone, Maldon, Malling, Malmsbury, Malton, Manchester, Mansfield, Market Bosworth, Market Harborough, Marlborough, Martley, Medway, Melksham, Melton Mowbray, Mere, Meriden, Merthyr Tidvil, Midhurst, Mildenhall, Milton, Mitford and Launditch, Monmouth, Montgomery and Poole, Morpeth, Mutford and Lothingland.

Nantwich, Narberth, Neath, Neots (St.), Newark, Newbury, Newcastle-in-Emyln, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Newent, New Forest, Newhaven, Newmarket, Newport (Monmouth), Newport (Salop), Newport Pagnell, Newton Abbot, Newtown and Lanidloes, Northallerton, Northampton, Northleach, Northwitch, North Witchford, Norwich, Nottingham, Nuneaton.

Oakham, Okehampton, Olave's (St.), Oldham, Ongar, Ormakirk, Orsett, Oswestry, Oundle, Oxford.

Pateley Bridge, Patrington, Pembroke, Penkridge, Penrith, Penzance, Pershore, Peterborough, Petersfield, Petworth, Pewsey, Pickering, Plomesgate, Plymouth, Plympton (St. Mary), Pocklington, Pont-y-pool, Poole, Poplar, Portsea Island, Potterspury, Prescot, Presteigne, Preston, Pwllheli.

Radford, Reading, Redruth, Reeth, Reigate, Rhayader, Richmond (Surrey), Richmond (Yorkshire), Ringwood, Risbridge, Rochdale, Rochford, Romford, Romney Marsh, Romsey, Ross, Rothbury, Rotherham, Royston, Rugby, Runcorn, Ruthin, Rye.

Saffron Walden, St. Margaret and St. John the Evangelist, Westminster; Salisbury, otherwise New Sarum; Salford, Samford, Saviour's (St.), Scarborough, Sculcoates, Sedberg, Sedgefield, Seisdon, Selby, Settle, Sevenoaks, Shaftesbury, Shardlow, Sheffield, Sheppey, Shepton Mallet, Sherbourne, Sheffnal, Shipston-upon-Stour, Shrewsbury, Skipton, Skirlaugh, Sleaford, Solihull, Southam, Southampton, South Molton, South Shields, South Stoneham, Southwell, Spalding, Spilsby, Stafford, Staines, Stamford, Stepney, Steyning, Stockbridge, Stockport, Stokesley, Stone, Stourbridge, Stow, Stow-on-the-Wold, Strand, Stratford-upon-Avon, Stratton, Stroud, Sturminster, Sudbury, Swaffham, Swansea.

Tamworth, Taunton, Tavistock, Teesdale, Tenbury, Tendring, Tenterden, Tetbury, Tewkesbury, Thakeham, Thame, Thanet (Isle of), Thetford, Thingoe, Thirsk, Thomas (St.), Thornbury, Thorne, Thrapston, Ticehurst, Tisbury, Tiverton, Todmorden, Tonbridge, Torrington, Totness, Towcester, Tregaron, Truro, Tunstead and Happing, Tyneham.

Uckfield, Ulverstone, Uppingham, Upton-upon-Severn, Uttoxeter, Uxbridge.

Wakefield, Wallingford, Walsall, Walsingham, Wandsworth and Clapham, Wangford, Wantage, Ware, Wareham Purbeck, Warminster, Warrington, Warwick, Watford, Wayland, Weardale, Wellingborough, Wellington (Salop), Wellington (Somerset), Wells, Welwyn, Wem, Weobly, Westbourne, West Bromwich, Westbury-upon-Severn, Westbury and Whorwelsdown, West Derby, West Eirle, West Ham, West Hampnett, West Ward, Weymouth, Wheatenhurst, Whitby, Whitchurch (Hants), Whitechapel, Whitehaven, Wigan, Wight (Isle of), Wigton, Williton,

Wilton, Wimborne and Cranborne, Wincanton, Winchcombe, Winchester (New), Windsor, Winslow, Wirrall, Wisbeach, Witham, Witney, Woburn, Wokingham, Wolstanton and Burslem, Woodbridge, Woodstock, Worcester, Worksop, Wortley, Wrexham, Wyoombe.

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Also the following schedule of the names of the parishes to which the directions and regulations apply, viz.:—Alston with Garrigill, Birmingham, Brighthelmstone, East Stonehouse, Great Yarmouth, Leeds, Liverpool, Paddington, St. George, Hanover-square; St. George the Martyr, Southwark; St. George in the East; St. Giles, Camberwell; St. James, Clerkenwell; St. James, Westminster; St. Leonard, Shoreditch; St. Luke, Middlesex; St. Martin-in-the-Fields; St. Mary Abbots, Kensington; St. Mary, Islington; St. Marylebone; St. Mary, Lambeth; St. Mary, Magdalen, Bermondsey; St. Mary, Newington; St. Mary, Rotherhithe; St. Matthew, Bethnal Green; St. Pancras, Stoke Damerell, Stoke-upon-Trent, Whitchurch (Salop), Whittlesea, St. Mary and St. Andrew.

And finally the following schedule of towns, viz. —Blandford, Dudley, Gateshead, Kingston-upon-Hull, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Sunderland, Wolverhampton, and York.

THE

NUISANCES REMOVAL

AND

DISEASES PREVENTION ACT, 1848;

BEING THE

11 & 12 VICTORIA, C. 123,

INTITULED,

An Act to renew and amend an Act of the Tenth year of Her present Majesty, for the more speedy Removal of certain Nuisances, and the Prevention of contagious and epidemic Diseases .- [4th September. 1848.

1. Whereas an Act passed in the tenth year of 9 & 10 Vict. Her Majesty's reign, for the more speedy removal of c. 96. certain nuisances, and to enable the Privy Council to make regulations for the prevention of contagious and epidemic diseases, will expire at the end of the present session of Parliament; and it is necessary that other provision should be made in lieu thereof: be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, that in England and Ireland, upon receipt in England (or as soon afterwards as can be) by the Town Coun- and Ireland cil, or by any trustees or commissioners for the drain-certain pubage, paving, lighting, or cleansing, or managing or lie bodies, upon receipt directing the police of any city, town, borough, or of notice in place, or by any other body of a like nature, or by writing from any commissioners of sewers or guardians of the poor, holders, of or in Ireland by the officers of health of any parish, the filthy of a notice in writing in the form contained in the condition of schedule (A.) to this act annexed, or to the like or of the effect, signed by two or more inhabitant householders existence of of the parish or place to which the notice relates, nuisances, stating that, to the best of the knowledge and belief to cause of the persons by whom such notice is signed, any to be made;

11 & 12 Viet. dwelling-house or building in any city, town, borough, parish, or place within or over which the jurisdiction or authority of the town council, trustees, commissioners, guardians, officers of health, or other body to whom such notice is given, extends, is in such a filthy and unwholesome condition as to be a nuisance to or injurious to the health of any person, or that upon any premises within such jurisdiction or authority there is any foul and offensive ditch, gutter, drain, privy, cesspool, or ashpit, or any ditch, gutter, drain, privy, cesspool, or ashpit kept or constructed so as to be a nuisance to or injurious to the health of any person, or that upon any such premises swine, or any accumulation of dung, manure, offal, filth, refuse, or other matter or thing, are or is kept so as to be a nuisance to or injurious to the health of any person, or that upon any such premises (being a building used wholly or in part as a dwelling-house), or being premises underneath any such building, any cattle or animal are or is kept so as to be a nuisance to or injurious to the health of any person, such town council, trustees, commissioners, guardians, officers of health, or other body, or some committee thereof which may be temporarily or permanently appointed in this behalf by such town council, trustees, commissioners, guardians, officers of health, or other body, shall, after twenty-four hours' notice in writing, by delivering the same to some person on the premises referred to in such first-mentioned notice, or (if there be no person upon the premises who can be so served) by fixing the same upon some conspicuous part of such premises (or in case of emergency without notice) by themselves, their servants or agents, with or without medical or other assistants, enter such premises, and examine the same with respect to the matters alleged in such first-mentioned notice, and do all the nuisance, such works, matters, and things as may be necessary for that purpose; and if upon such examination, or upon the certificate in writing of two legally qualified medical practitioners, it appear that any dwellinghouse or building so examined is in such a filthy and unwholesome condition as aforesaid, or that upon any premises so examined there is any such ditch, gutter, drain, privy, cesspool, ashpit, swine, cattle, or animal, or any such accumulation or other matter or thing as aforesaid, such town council, trustees, commissioners,

such examination, or a medical certificate, it appear that &c. exists, public body to make complaint before a

and if upon

guardians, officers of health, or other body, or such 11 & 12 Vict. committee, shall make or cause to be made complaint before a justice, who shall thereupon issue a summons justice, who (which may be according to the form contained in shall sumthe schedule (B.) to this act annexed, or to the like owner to effect) requiring the owner or occupier of the premises occupier to examined to appear before two justices to answer such appear before two justices; complaint; and such summons shall be served by delivering the same, or a true copy thereof, to some person upon the premises in respect whereof complaint is made, or (if there be no person upon the premises who can be so served) by fixing such summons or copy upon some conspicuous part of such premises; and if at the time and place appointed and who by such summons it be proved to the satisfaction of proof, &c., such justices that any dwelling-house or building in order him to respect whereof complaint is made is in such a filthy whitewash, e.g., or each unwholesome condition as aforesaid, or that any move the such cause or causes of complaint as aforesaid exists nuisance complained or exist, and (in case such owner or occupier do not of; appear) that such summons or copy was served as aforesaid, such justices shall make an order in writing under their hands and seals (which order may be according to the form contained in the schedule (C.) to this act annexed, or to the like effect) for cleansing, whitewashing, or purifying such dwelling-house or building, or for the removal or abatement of any such cause or causes of complaint, in such manner and within such time as shall be specified in such order (not being more than two clear days, exclusive of Sunday, after service of such order as hereinafter directed); and such order shall be forthwith served by delivering the same or a true copy thereof to some person upon the premises in respect whereof it is made, or (in case there be no person upon the premises who can be so served) by fixing such order or copy upon some conspicuous part of such premises; and if such order be not complied with the owner or and if such occupier against whom it is made shall be liable to a order be not complied penalty not exceeding ten shillings for every day with the during the continuance of his default, and the town occupier council, trustees, commissioners, guardians, officers in default of health, or other body mentioned therein, shall, by to be liable themselves, their servants or agents, or by such committee as aforesaid, their servants or agents, enter body to such last-mentioned premises, and cleanse, whitewash, enter the premises,

and do the works ordered, or remove the nuisance.

11 & 12 Vict. or purify the same, or remove or abate the cause or causes of complaint in respect whereof the said order shall have been made, and do all such works, matters, and things as may be necessary for carrying such order into effect; and any dung, manure, offal, filth, or refuse, and any other matter or thing removed by any such town council, trustees, commissioners, guardians, officers of health, or other body as aforesaid, in pursuance of this enactment, may be destroyed or sold, and in case of sale the proceeds arising therefrom shall be paid to or (as the case may require) be retained by the guardians of the poor, and shall be by them applied in aid of the rate for the relief of the poor of the parish, electoral division, or place in which such removal shall have been made.

In Scotland certain public officers, upon receipt of notice in writing from two housefilthy condition of any building, or of the existence of certain nuisances, to cause examination to be made;

2. And be it enacted, that in Scotland, upon or as soon as can be after notice in writing in the form contained in the schedule (A.) to this act annexed, or to the like effect, signed by two or more of the inhabitant householders of the parish or place to which the notice holders of the relates, made to the procurator fiscal of any county, or the procurator fiscal or the dean of guild of any royal burgh, or the procurator fiscal of the justices of the peace of any county, or the commissioners of police or trustees for paving, lighting, or cleansing any city, town, burgh, parish, or place, or the inspector of the poor of any parish, stating that any dwelling-house or building within any royal burgh, or in any city, town, burgh, parish, or place, within or over which the jurisdiction or authority of any such procurator fiscal, or of such dean of guild, or commissioners of police, or trustees for paving, lighting, or cleansing, or inspector of the poor, extends, is in such a filthy and unwholesome condition as to be a nuisance to or injurious to the health of any person, or that upon any premises within such jurisdiction or authority there is any foul and offensive drain, ditch, gutter, privy, cesspool, or ashpit, or any drain, ditch, gutter, privy, cesspool, or ashpit kept or constructed so as to be a nuisance to or injurious to the health of any person, or that upon any such premises swine, or any accumulation of dung, manure, offal, filth, refuse, or other matter or thing, are or is kept so as to be a nuisance to or injurious to the health of any person, or that upon any such premises (being a building used wholly or in part as a

dwelling-house), or being premises underneath any 11 & 12 Vict. such building, any cattle or animal are or is kept so as to be a nuisance to or injurious to the health of any person, it shall be competent to any such procurator fiscal or dean of guild, or the proper officer of such commissioners of police or trustees, or such inspector of the poor respectively, after twenty-four hours from the giving notice in writing by service thereof upon some person on the premises referred to in such firstmentioned notice, or (if there be no person upon the premises who can be so served) by fixing the same upon some conspicuous part of such premises, or in case of emergency without notice, by himself or others acting under his authority, with or without medical or other assistants, to enter such premises, and examine the same with respect to the matters alleged in such first-mentioned notice, and do all such works, matters, and things as may be necessary for that purpose; and if upon such examination, or upon the and if upon certificate in writing of two legally qualified medical such examipractitioners, it appear that any dwelling-house or medical certibuilding so examined is in such a filthy and unwholesome condition as aforesaid, or that upon any premises nuisance exso examined there is any such drain, ditch, gutter, ists, public privy, cesspool, ashpit, swine, cattle, or animal, or any complain such accumulation, or other matter or thing, as aforesaid, such procurator fiscal, dean of guild, officer, or sheriff or a inspector shall make, or cause to be made, complaint shall order to the sheriff or magistrates or a justice, who shall the owner or thereupon order the owner or occupier of the premises appear; examined to appear before such sheriff or magistrates or two justices to answer such complaint; and such order shall be served by delivering the same, or a true copy thereof, to some person upon the premises in respect whereof complaint is made, or (if there be no person upon the premises who can be so served) by fixing such order or copy upon some conspicuous part of such premises; and if at the time and place ap- and upon pointed by such order it be proved to the satisfaction proof, &c. of such sheriff or magistrates or justices that any ing, &c. or dwelling-house or building in respect whereof com-plaint is made is in such a filthy and unwholesome complained condition as aforesaid, or that any such cause or causes of, to be of complaint as aforesaid exists or exist, and (in case ordered. such owner or occupier do not appear) that such order or copy was served as aforesaid, such sheriff or magis-

11 & 12 Vict. trates or justices shall make an order in writing under c. 123.

their hands (which order may be according to the form contained in the schedule (C.) to this act annexed, or to the like effect,) for cleansing, whitewashing, or purifying such dwelling-house or building, or for the removal or abatement of any such cause or causes of complaint, in such manner and within such time as shall be specified in such order (not being more than two clear days, exclusive of Sunday, after service of such order), and such last-mentioned order shall be forthwith served by delivering the same, or a true copy thereof, to some person upon the premises in respect whereof it is made, or, in case there be no person upon the premises who can be so served, by fixing such order or copy upon some conspicuous part of such premises; and if such order be not complied with, the owner or occupier against whom it is made shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten shillings for every day during the continuance of his default, and the procurator fiscal or dean of guild or proper officer of the commissioners of police, or trustees or inspectors of the poor respectively, shall, by themselves or others acting under their authority, enter such last-mentioned premises, and cleanse, whitewash, mises, and do or purify the same, or remove or abate the cause or causes of complaint in respect whereof the said lastmentioned order shall have been made, and do all such works, matters, and things as may be necessary for carrying such order into effect, and any dung, manure, offal, filth, or refuse, and any other offensive or noxious matter or thing removed in pursuance of this enactment, may be destroyed or sold, and in case of sale, the proceeds arising therefrom shall be paid to or (as the case may require) be retained by the parochial board for the management of the poor, and shall be by them applied in aid of the funds for the relief of the poor of the parish or place in which such removal shall have been made.

mentioned order be not complied with, owner or occupier in default to be liable to penalties, and the public officers to the works ordered, or remove the nuisance.

If such last-

Recovery of costs, &c. from owner or occupier of

3. And be it enacted, that whenever any such order as aforesaid for cleansing, whitewashing, or purifying any dwelling-house or building, or for the removal or the premises. abatement of any such cause or causes of complaint as aforesaid, has been obtained, all costs and expenses reasonably incurred in obtaining such order, or in carrying the same into effect, shall be deemed to be money paid for the use and at the request of the

owner or occupier of the premises in respect whereof 11 & 12 Vict. such costs and expenses shall have been incurred, and may be recovered as such by the said town councils, trustees, commissioners, guardians, officers of health, or other body, or by the said procurators fiscal, deans of guild, commissioners of police, or trustees and inspectors of the poor respectively, as such, in any county court, civil bill court, or (in Scotland) before the sheriff or magistrates or justices of the peace; or such town council, magistrates, trustees, commissioners, guardians, officers of health, or other body, or procurators fiscal, deans of guild, or inspectors of the poor, may, if they shall think fit, recover such costs and expenses before two justices, or, in Scotland, before the sheriff or magistrates or two justices, from the owner or occupier of the premises in respect of which such order is made; and any two justices, or, in Scotland, the sheriff or magistrates, or any two justices, upon the application of any such town council, magistrates, trustees, commissioners, guardians, officers of health, or other body, or procurator fiscal, dean of guild, or inspector of the poor, shall issue a summons, or, in Scotland, an order, requiring such owner or occupier to appear before them, or before him or them, at a time and place to be named therein; and at the time and place so named, upon proof to the satisfaction of such justices, or such sheriff or magistrates or justices, that any such costs and expenses have been so incurred as aforesaid, and (in case such owner or occupier do not appear) that a copy of such lastmentioned summons or order was served by delivering the same to some person on the premises in respect of which the costs and expenses were incurred, or, if there be no person upon the premises who can be so served, by fixing the same upon some conspicuous part of such premises, such justices, or such sheriff or magistrates or justices, unless they think fit to excuse the party summoned upon the ground of poverty or other special circumstances, shall, by order in writing, in England or Ireland under the hands and seals of such justices, or in Scotland under the hands of such sheriff or magistrates or justices, order him to pay the amount to the applicants, together with the costs attending such application and the proceedings thereon; and if the amount be not paid within seven days after demand, the same may, by warrant under the hands

c. 123.

11 & 12 Vier. and seals of the same or any other two justices, or, in Scotland, under the hands of the sheriff or magistrates or justices, by whom the last-mentioned order shall have been made, or any other two justices, be levied by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of the owner or occupier in default; and if no distress sufficient to satisfy the same can be found within the jurisdiction of the justices, or of the sheriff or magistrates or justices, by whom such warrant shall have been issued, and it so appear upon oath before two justices, or, in Scotland, before the sheriff or magistrates or two justices, of any other county or jurisdiction in which any goods or chattels of the defaulter may be, such last-mentioned justices, or sheriff or magistrates or justices; shall indorse their or his signatures or signature upon the last-mentioned warrant. and thereupon the amount to be levied, or so much thereof as may be unsatisfied, shall be levied of the last-mentioned goods and chattels, in the same manner as if such warrant had been originally and properly issued by the justices, or by the sheriff or magistrates or justices, of such last-mentioned county or jurisdiction.

Certain expenses of this act to be defrayed out of poor's rates, жc.

4. And be it enacted, that all costs and expenses reasonably incurred as aforesaid in carrying into effect any of the provisions hereinbefore contained, and not recovered from any owner or occupier of the premises in respect of which such expenses shall have been incurred, shall, upon an order in writing, specifying the sum to be paid, under the hands and seals of two justices, or, in Scotland, under the hands of the sheriff or magistrates or two justices (who are hereby required to make such order, upon proper application in this behalf,) be retained, paid, or defrayed by the treasurer of such guardians or parochial board, or by the overseers of the poor, or other proper officers or persons, out of the funds in their hands applicable to the relief of the poor, and shall be charged to the parish, electoral division, or place maintaining its own poor in which the premises in respect whereof such costs and expenses shall have been so incurred are situated, and in other places in England or Ireland out of any public rates or funds raised in such places, or applicable thereto under the authority of Parliament, or in case there be no such rates or funds as last aforesaid, then out of the funds for the relief of

the poor of the parish, electoral division, or place 11 & 12 Vict. nearest adjoining, or if there be two or more parishes or places nearest adjoining, out of the funds for the relief of the poor of such one of them as two justices shall, by order in writing under their hands and seals, appoint: and in case any such costs or expenses shall have been incurred on account or in respect of any parish in Scotland in which it shall happen that there is not at the time an assessment for the relief of the poor imposed or levied, then the same shall be paid or defrayed out of an assessment to be imposed and levied for that purpose, and to the extent necessary, under and in the manner provided by an act of the 8 & 9 Vict. ninth year of Her Majesty's reign, for the Amendment c. 83. and better Administration of the Laws relating to the Relief of the Poor in Scotland; and if any such treasurer, overseers, or officers or persons, neglect or refuse to pay the sum specified in any order of justices, or of any sheriff or magistrates, made under this enactment, for the space of twenty-one days after the date of such order, the same may, by warrant under the hands and seals of the same or any other two justices, or, in Scotland, under the hands of the sheriff or magistrates or any two justices, by whom such order shall have been made, or any other two justices, be levied by distress and sale, together with the costs of such distress and sale, of the goods and chattels of the treasurer, overseers, or other officers or persons in default.

5. Provided always, and be it enacted, that nothing hereinbefore contained shall apply to any district, Above proparish, or place in which the Public Health Act, visions not to apply to 1848, or any part thereof, shall be in force, unless and districts and except in so far as the General Board of Health, by places in order in writing, sealed with the seal of such board, which the Public and signed by two or more members thereof, or (in Health Act case there be no such board in existence) as one of is in force. Her Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, by order Jurisdiction in writing under his hand, shall otherwise direct : of Commisprovided also, that nothing in this act shall be con- Sewers not to strued to impair, abridge, or take away any power, be impaired. jurisdiction, or authority which may at any time be vested in any commissioners of sewers, or to take away or interfere with any course of proceeding which might be resorted to or adopted by such commissioners if this act had not been passed.

6. And whereas by an act passed in the sixth year

c. 143. Surveyor of required to ditches adjoining highways, &c. 5 & 6 Vict. c. 50.

8 & 9 Vict.

c. 41.

11 & 12 View. of the reign of King William the Fourth, for consolidating and amending the laws relating to highways in England, the surveyor and district surveyor or assistant surveyor therein mentioned are empowerd to cleanse open scour, cleanse, and keep open all ditches, gutters, drains, or watercourses; and by an act passed in the ninth year of Her Majesty's reign, for amending the laws concerning highways, bridges, and ferries in Scotland, the trustees or surveyors therein mentioned are empowered to cleanse the ditches made or to be made along the sides of any highway, in case of the neglect or refusal of the proprietor or occupier to cleanse such ditches when duly required so to do by such trustees or surveyors; and with a view to the more effectual removal of nuisances injurious to health it is expedient that such surveyor, district surveyor, or assistant surveyor, trustees or surveyors, should not only be empowered but required to scour, cleanse, and keep clear, or cause to be scoured, cleansed, and kept clear, as far as may be practicable, all open ditches, gutters, drains, and watercourses upon, adjoining, or by or along the sides of any highway: be it therefore enacted, that the said surveyor, or district or assistant surveyor, trustees or surveyors, shall scour, cleanse, and keep clear, or cause to be scoured. cleansed, and kept clear, as far as may be practicable, all open ditches, gutters, drains, and watercourses upon, adjoining, or by or along the sides of any highway; and any sewage, drainage, soil, filth, or other matter or thing whatsoever which shall be removed by any such surveyor, district or assistant surveyor, trustees or surveyors, from any such ditch, gutter, drain, or watercourse, in scouring, cleansing, and keeping clear the same, shall be disposed of by such surveyor, assistant or district surveyor, trustees or surveyors, and the proceeds arising therefrom shall be applied towards the repair of the highway within the parish or place in which such removal shall have taken place; and the provisions hereinbefore contained with respect to ditches, gutters, drains, and watercourses upon, adjoining, or by or along the sides of highways, shall, in so far as the same relate to England, be deemed to be part of the said act relating to highways in England, and in so far as the same relate to Scotland shall be deemed to be part of the said act relating to highways in Scotland.

7. And be it enacted, that whosoever shall suffer 11 & 12 Vict. any sewage, drainage, soil, filth, or any matter or thing of a noxious or offensive nature, to run or flow Drainage into or to remain in any open ditch, gutter, drain, or into open watercourse, so as to be a nuisance to or injurious to new houses a the health of any person, from any dwelling-house, misdemeabuilding, or other premises which shall not have been nor, &c. occupied before the passing of this act, or from any privy or water-closet which shall not have been constructed before that time, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, or in Scotland of an offence punishable by fine or imprisonment, and shall, in addition, be liable for every such offence to a penalty not exceding five pounds for every day during which the offence is continued.

8. And be it enacted, that whenever it is intended Notice to be to build or open any hospital for the reception of given to patients afflicted with contagious or infectious diseases Board of or disorders, the trustees or other persons by whose Health, and authority such hospital is intended so to be built or Commission. opened as aforesaid shall give notice of such intention ers of Health, to the said General Board of Health or (in Ireland) of intention to the Commissioners of Health hereinafter men-open certain tioned; and no such hospital shall be built or opened hospitals, &c. as aforesaid until the said General Board of Health or Commissioners of Heath, as the case may be, have approved thereof in writing; but nothing herein contained shall apply to the building or opening of any addition to a building which shall have been used as a hospital previously to such addition.

9. And whereas it is expedient that when any part Privy of the United Kingdom shall appear to be threatened council, &c., with or affected by any formidable epidemic, endemic, to issue or contagious disease, measures of precaution should orders for be taken with promptitude, according to the exigency putting in of the case: be it therefore enacted, that in Great provisions of Britain the Lords and others of Her Majesty's most this act Honourable Privy Council, or any three or more of the preventhem, (the Lord President of the Council, or one of tion of Her Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, being epidemic diseases, &c. one,) and in Ireland the Lord Lieutenant or other chief governor or governors and Privy Council in Ireland, may, by order or orders to be by them from time to time made, direct that the provisions hereinafter contained for the prevention of epidemic, endemic, and contagious diseases be put in force in

11 & 12 Vict. Great Britain and Ireland respectively, or in such parts thereof or in such places therein respectively as in such order or orders respectively may be expressed, and may from time to time, as to all or any of the parts or places to which any such order or orders may extend, and in like manner, revoke or renew any such order, and, subject to revocation and renewal as aforesaid, every such order shall be in force for six calendar months, or for such shorter period as in such order shall be expressed.

After order by Privy Council, General Board of Health, &c. may issue directions and regulations.

10. And be it enacted, that from time to time after the issuing of any such order as last aforesaid, and whilst the same shall continue in force, the General Board of Health (in Great Britain), under the seal of the said board, and the hands of two or more members thereof, and in Ireland the Commissioners of Health for the time being, under the hands of two or more of them, may issue such directions and regulations as the said board or last-mentioned commissioners (as the case may be) shall think fit for the prevention, as far as possible, or mitigation, of such epidemic, endemic, or contagious diseases, and from time to time, in like manner, revoke, renew, and alter any such directions or regulations, or substitute such new directions and regulations as to the said board or last-mentioned commissioners may appear expedient; and the said board or last-mentioned commissioners, as the case may be, may by such directions and regulations provide for the frequent and effectual cleansing streets and public ways and places by the surveyors, of district or assistant surveyors of highways, trustees, county surveyors, and others by law entrusted with the care and management thereof, or by the owners and occupiers of houses and tenements adjoining thereto, and for the cleansing, purifying, ventilating, and disinfecting of houses, dwellings, churches, buildings, and places of assembly, by the owners or occupiers and persons having the care and ordering thereof, for the removal of nuisances, for the speedy interment of the dead, and generally for preventing or mitigating such epidemic, endemic or contagious diseases, in such manner as to the said board or last-mentioned commissioners (as the case may be,) may seem expedient; and the said board or last-mentioned commissioners may by any such directions and regulations authorize and require the Guardians of the Poor in Eng-

land and Ireland, and the parochial boards for the man- 11 & 12 Vict. agement of the poor in Scotland, by themselves or their officer or any persons employed by them in the administration of the laws for the relief of the poor, or by officers specially appointed in this behalf to superintend and see to the execution of any such directions and regulations, and (where it shall appear that there may be default or delay in the execution thereof, by want or neglect of such surveyors, trustees, or others intrusted as aforesaid, or by reason of poverty of occupiers, or otherwise,) to execute or aid in executing the same within their respective unions and parishes and combinations, and in any extra-parochial places adjoining to or surrounded by the same in which the directions and regulations of the said board or lastmentioned commissioners shall not be executed by the inhabitants, and to provide for the dispensing of medicines and for affording to persons afflicted by or threatened with such epidemic, endemic, or contagious diseases such medical aid as may be required, and to do and provide all such acts, matters, and things as may be necessary for superintending or aiding in the execution of such directions and regulations, or for executing the same as the case may require; and the directions and regulations to be issued as aforesaid shall extend to all parts or places in which the provisions of this act for the prevention of epidemic, endemic, or contagious diseases shall for the time being be put in force under such orders as aforesaid, unless such directions and regulations shall be expressly confined to some of such parts or places, and then to such parts or places as in such directions and regulations shall be specified, and (subject to the power of revocation and alteration herein contained) shall continue in force so long as the said provisions of this act shall be in force, under such orders, in the parts or places to which such directions and regulations shall under this provision extend: provided always, that if at any time in Ireland there shall not be any Commissioners of Health the Lord Lieutenant or other chief governor or governors of Ireland, by his or their warrants, may appoint so many persons as he or they may think fit, not being more in number than five, to act as Commissioners of Health in Ireland, without salary, fee, or reward, and may from time to time remove

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11 & 12 Vict. any of such commissioners, and appoint any other person in his stead; and such commissioners shall for all purposes be Commissioners of Health in Ireland within the meaning and for the purposes of this Act.

General Board of Health may be appointed.

11. And be it enacted, that Her Majesty may from One medical time to time, during the continuance of any order of member of General Her Majesty's Privy Council or of any members thereof as aforesaid by warrant under the royal sign manual, appoint, in addition to the members for the time being of the General Board of Health, one fit person to be a medical member of such board for the purposes of this act, and Her Majesty may, at her pleasure remove any person so appointed; and there shall be paid to the person or persons so appointed such allowance or allowances as shall be appointed by the commissioners of Her Majesty's treasury, out of any moneys which may from time to time be appointed by Parliament

Treasury to pay allowances apointed by Parliament.

for that purpose.

Poor Law Commissioners, &c., may compel guardians, &c. to execute regulations and directions of the General Board of Health, &c.

12. And be enacted, that the commissioners for administering the laws for the relief of the poor in England and Ireland respectively, and the board of supervision established under the said act for the amendment and better administration of the laws relating to the relief of the poor in Scotland, may require the officers and persons acting under them to inquire into, superintend, and report on the execution of the directions and regulations of the General Board of Health, or Commissioners of Health, as the case may be, under this act, and shall have the same powers for enforcing and directing the execution of such directions and regulations by the said guardians and parochial boards respectively as they now or may hereafter have in relation to any matter concerning the administration of the laws for the relief of the poor.

Power of entry for the purpose of enforcing regulations of the General Board of Health, &c.

13. And be it enacted, that the said guardians and parochial boards acting in the execution of any such directions or regulations as aforesaid, or the officers or persons by them in this behalf authorized, at reasonable times in the daytime, may and they are hereby empowered to enter and inspect any dwelling or place, if there be ground for believing that any person may have recently died of any such epidemic, endemic, or contagious disease in any such dwelling or place, or that there is any filth or other matter dangerous to health therein or thereupon, or that necessity may 11 & 12 Vict. otherwise exist for executing, in relation to the premises, all or any of such directions and regulations as aforesaid.

14. And be it enacted, that the said guardians and Expenses of parochial boards may appoint or employ, for the guardians, sc. to be superintendence and execution of the said directions paid out of and regulations, officers or persons in aid of the poor-rate, officers or persons employed in the administration of &c. the laws for the relief of the poor; and such guardians and parochial boards respectively shall defray the expenses incurred by them respectively in the superintendence and execution of such directions and regulations out of the funds of their respective unions, parishes, or combinations; and if any such expenses shall have been incurred on account or in respect of any extra-parochial place in England or Ireland, the same shall, upon an order in writing specifying the sum to be paid, under the hands and seals of two justices, who are hereby empowered to make such order, upon proper application in this behalf, be paid or defrayed out of any public rates or funds raised therein or applicable thereto under the authority of Parliament, or in case there be no such rates or funds as last aforesaid, then out of the funds of the union or parish for which the guardians by whom the expenses have been incurred act: and in case any such expenses shall have been incurred on account or in respect of any parish in Scotland in which it shall happen that there is not at the time an assessment for the relief of the poor imposed or levied, then the same shall be paid or defrayed out of an assessment to be imposed and levied for that purpose, and to the extent necessary, under and in the manner provided by the said act for the amendment and better ad- 8 & 9 Vict. ministration of the laws relating to the relief of the c. 83. poor in Scotland.

15. And be it enacted, that every order of Her Orders, Majesty's Privy Council, or of the Lord Lieutenant directions, and Privy Council of Ireland, and every direction and tions to be left to be left to the council of the council o regulation of the said General Board of Health or laid before Commissioners of Health under this act, shall, forth- and to be with upon the issuing thereof, be laid before both gazetted, &c. Houses of Parliament, if Parliament be then sitting, and if not then within fourteen days next after the commencement of the then next session of Parliament:

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11 & 12 Vicz. and every such order of Her Majesty's Privy Council, or any members thereof, as aforesaid, shall be certified under the hand of the clerk in ordinary of Her Majesty's Privy Council, and shall be published in the London Gazette, and every such order of the Lord Lieutenant and Privy Council of Ireland shall be certified under the hand of one of the clerks of the Privy Council of Ireland, and shall be published in the Dublin Gazette: and every such direction and regulation as aforesaid when issued in Great Britain shall be published in the London Gazette and in the Edinburgh Gazette; and when issued in Ireland in the Dublin Gazette, and such publication of any such order, direction, or regulation shall be conclusive evidence of the order, direction, or regulation so published, to all intents and purposes.

Penalties for obstructing execution of this act.

16. And be it enacted, that whosoever shall wilfully obstruct any person acting under the authority or employed in the execution of this act, or who shall wilfully violate any direction or regulation issued by the General Board of Health, or such Commissioners of Health as aforesaid under this act, shall be liable for every such offence to a penalty not exceeding five pounds; and if the occupier of any premises prevent the owner thereof from obeying or carrying into effect the provisions of this act, any justice, or in Scotland the sheriff or any justice, to whom application is made in this behalf, shall by order in writing (which may be according to the form contained in the schedule (D.) to this act annexed, or to the like effect), require such occupier to permit the execution of the works required to be executed, provided that such works appear to such sheriff or justice to be necessary for the purpose of obeying or carrying into effect the provisions of this act; and if within a reasonable time after the making of such order the occupier against whom it is made refuse to comply therewith, he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds for every day afterwards during the continuance of such refusal.

Recovery of penalties in England or Ireland,

17. And he it enacted, that penalties imposed by this act for offences committed in England or Ireland may be recovered by any person before any two justices, and may be levied by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of the offender, together with the costs of such distress and sale, by warrant under the

hands and seals of the justices before whom the same 11 & 12 Vict. shall be recovered, or any other two justices; and in case it shall appear to the satisfaction of such justices, before or after the issuing of such warrant, either by the confession of the offender or otherwise, that he hath not goods and chattels within their jurisdiction sufficient to satisfy the amount, they may commit him to any gaol or house of correction for any time not exceeding fourteen days, unless the amount be sooner paid, in the same manner as if a warrant of distress had issued and a return of nulla bona been made thereon; and penalties imposed by this act for and in Scotoffences in Scotland may be recovered by the procurator fiscal of the court, or by any other person, before the sheriff or two justices, who may proceed in a summary way, and grant warrant for bringing the parties complained upon immediately before him or them, and on proof on oath by one or more credible witness or witnesses, or other legal evidence, he or they may forthwith determine and give judgment, without any written pleadings or record of evidence, and grant warrant for the recovery of the penalties and expenses decerned for, and, failing payment within eight days after conviction, by poinding, and imprisonment for a period, at the discretion of the sheriff or justices, not exceeding fourteen days; and all penalties what- Application soever recovered under this act shall be paid to or (as of penalties. the case may require) be retained by the guardians of the poor, or, in Scotland, the parochial board for the management of the poor, and shall be by them applied in aid of the rates or funds for the relief of the poor of the parish, electoral division, or place in which the penalties may have been incurred.

18. And be it enacted, that in case of any demand One or more or complaint under this act to which two or more of several joint owners owners or occupiers of premises may be jointly or occupiers answerable, it shall be sufficient to proceed against may be proceeded any one or more of them, without in any manner pro- against ceeding against the others or other of them; but no- alone. thing herein contained shall prevent the parties so proceeded against from recovering contribution in any case in which they would now be entitled to con-

tribution by law.

19. And be it enacted, that wherever in any pro- Unnecessary ceeding under this act, whether written or otherwise, owner or it shall become necessary to mention, or refer to the occupier by

11 & 12 Vict. owner or occupier of any premises, it shall be sufficient to designate him as the "owner" or "occuname in cer- pier" of such premises, without name or further tain cases. description.

Proceedings not to be quashed for

20. And be it enacted, that no order, nor any other proceeding, matter, or thing done or transacted in or want of form. relating to the execution of this act, shall be vacated, quashed, or set aside for want of form, or be removed or removable by certiorari, or by suspension or advocation, or other writ or process whatsoever, into any of the superior courts.

Proceedings commenced under 9 & 10 Vict. c. 96, may be enforced. although that act has expired.

21. And be it enacted, that all proceedings whatsoever commenced or taken or to be commenced or taken under the said first-recited act of the tenth year of Her Majesty's reign, and which shall not have been completed and enforced, whilst the last-mentioned act continues in force, may be proceeded with and enforced under the provisions of that act, although such provisions be no longer in force, in the same manner in all respects and to all intents and purposes as if the same continued to be in force, and as if the said last-mentioned act had not expired.

Interpretation of terms.

22. And be it enacted, that in this act the following words and expressions shall have the meanings hereinafter assigned to them, unless such meanings be repugnant to or inconsistent with the context; (that is to say,) the words "justice" and "justices" shall mean a justice or justices of the peace acting for the place where the matter or any part of the matter, as the case may be, requiring the cognizance of the "justice" or "justices" arises; the expression "two justices" shall mean two or more justices assembled and acting together, or one stipendiary or police magistrate acting in any police court for the place in which the matter or any part of the matter, as the case may be, requiring the cognizance of "two justices," arises; the word "sheriff" shall mean the sheriff of any county or place in Scotland where the matter requiring the cognizance of the "sheriff" arises, and shall include the sheriff substitute; the word "magistrates" shall mean the magistrates of any royal burgh in Scotland where the matter requiring cognizance arises; the words "guardians of the poor" and the words "parochial board" shall mean the guardians, directors, wardens, governors, parochial board, or other like officers having the

management of the poor for any union, parish, com- 11 & 12 Vict. bination, or place where the matter requiring the cognizance of any such officers arises; the word "street" shall include every highway, road, square, row, lane, mews, court, alley, and passage, whether a thoroughfare or not; the word "owner" shall mean any person receiving the rents of the property in respect of which that word is used from the occupier of such property, on his own account, or as trustee or agent for any other person, or who would receive the same if such property were let to a tenant; the word "person," and words applying to any person or individual, shall apply to and include corporations, whether aggregate or sole; and words and expressions importing the singular number shall include the plural number, and words importing the masculine gender shall include females.

23. And be it enacted, that in citing this act in Mode of other acts of Parliament, and in legal instruments citing this and other proceedings, it shall be sufficient to use the act. words "The Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention Act, 1848."

24. And be it enacted, that this act may be amended Act may be or repealed in this present session of Parliament.

SCHEDULE (A.)

Notice by Householders.

11 & 12 Vict.

c. 123.

To the Town Council of the borough of [or Guardians of the Poor of the union or the parish of in the county of or as the case may be; or, in Scotland, to the Procurator Fiscal of the county of or to the Procurator Fiscal or Dean of Guild of the burgh of or to the Procurator Fiscal of the justices of the county of or to the Inspector of the poor of the parish of or as the case may be.]

WE, the undersigned inhabitants [or in Scotland householders of [insert the parish or place] in [insert the parish or place and residing at before mentioned aforesaid, do hereby give you notice, that to the best of our knowledge and belief a dwelling-house [or building] situate at No. in street in aforesaid for such other description as may be sufficient to identify the premises is in such a filthy and unwholesome condition as to be a nuisance to [or injurious to the health of] A. B.or as the case may be, [or that upon certain premises situate at [inserting such a description as may be sufficient to identify the premises there is a foul and offensive drain, ditch, gutter, privy, cesspool, or ashpit, or a drain, c., kept or constructed so as to be a nuisance to us, or to the occupiers of the premises adjoining the premises aforesaid, or as the case may be, or that upon certain premises situate at, &c., swine, or an accumulation of dung, manure, offal, filth, refuse, or matter, or as the case may be, are or is kept so as to be injurious to our health, or to the health of A. B., or of the occupiers of the premises adjoining the premises, aforesaid, or of persons living in the neighbourhood, or of the persons living in the premises aforesaid, as the case may be, or that upon certain premises, &c., swine, &c. are kept so as to be a nuisance to us, &c. as the case may be]. And we hereby require that you will cause such proceedings to be taken as are directed in this behalf by the "Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention Act, 1848.

Dated this day of one thousand eight hundred and

A.B. C.D.

SCHEDULE (B.)

Summons to appear.

County of

To the owner [or occupier] of a dwelling-house [or building, 11 & 12 Viet. or of certain premises,] situate at [insert such a description as may be sufficient to identify the premises].

Borough, &c. WHEREAS complaint hath been made to the undersigned, one of Her Majesty's Metropolitan Police justices of the peace acting in and for District, or as the case may be] the said county of for borough,], or one of the magisc. of trates of the police courts of the metropolis holden at [or as the case may be], by the town council of the borough of [or as the case may be], that a certain dwelling-house [or building] situate at No. in the parish of for as the case may be in the county of other description as may be sufficient to identify the premises is in such a filthy and unwholesome condition as to be a nuisance to or injurious to the health of A. B., or as the case may be, [or that upon certain premises situate at [inserting such a description as may be sufficient to identify the premises] there is a foul and offensive drain, [ditch, gutter, privy, cesspool, or ashpit, or a drain, &c., kept or constructed so as to be a nuisance to A. B., &c., [as the case may be], or that swine [or an accumulation of dung, manure, offal, filth, refuse, or matter, or as the case may be,] are [or is] kept so as to be injurious to the health of A. B. or of the occupiers of the premises adjoining the premises aforesaid, or of persons living in the neighbourhood of the premises aforesaid, or of persons living in the premises aforesaid, or a nuisance to A. B., gc., as the case may be]. These are therefore to require you to appear before two of Her Majesty's justices of the peace [or one of the magistrates of the police courts of the metropolis, at the court holden at] on the day of next, at the hour to answer the matter of the said complaint.

Given under my hand and seal, this day of in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and

J. K. (L. S.)

SCHEDULE (C.)

Order for removal of Nuisances, &c.

11 & 12 Vict. To the owner [or occupier] of the dwelling-house [or building c. 123. or premises situate at No. street in or such in the county of the parish of other description as may be sufficient to identify the premises], and to the Town Council of the borough of or to the Guardians of the Poor of the union, or of the or, in Scotland. parish of in the county of the Procurator Fiscal of the county of or the Procurator Fiscal or Dean of Guild of the burgh of or the Procurator Fiscal of the justices of the peace of the or the Inspector of the Poor of the parish county of as the case may be], and to their servants or agents, and to all whom it may concern.

WHEREAS on the day of County of æc. last complaint was made before the or borough, or undersigned [or before J. K. esquire, one Metropolitan Police of Her Majesty's justices of the peace District, or as the acting in and for the county of to wit. [or before the undersigned, or J. K. esquire, one of the magistrates of the police courts of the metropolis, or as the case may be,] by the town council of the borough

of the county of

for by the guardians of the poor of the union, or of the parish of in the county of or, in Scotland, by the procurator fiscal of the county of or by the procurator fiscal or dean of guild of the burgh of or by the procurator fiscal of the justices of the peace

or by the inspector of the poor of as the case may be], that a dwelling-house the parish of [or building] situate at No. street in [the parish or place before mentioned aforesaid, [or such other description as may be sufficient to identify the premises,] then was in such a filthy and unwholesome condition as to be a nuisance [or injurious to the health of] A. B., or as the case may be, or that upon certain premises situate at inserting such a description as may be sufficient to identify the premises] there then was a foul and offensive drain, [ditch, gutter, privy, cesspool, or ashpit, or a drain, &c., kept or constructed so as to be a nuisance to A. B. ofc., as the case may be, or that upon certain premises, situate &c., swine, or an accumulation of 11 & 12 Vict. dung, manure, offal, filth, or refuse, as the case may be, are or is kept so as to be injurious to the health of A. B., or of the occupiers of the premises adjoining the premises first aforesaid, or of persons living in the neighbourhood of the premises first aforesaid, or of persons living in the premises first aforesaid, or so as to be a nuisance to A. B., &c.: And whereas the owner [or occupier] of the said dwelling-house, building, or premises having this day appeared before us, two of Her Majesty's justices of the peace acting in and for the county [or borough] of [or before me, one of the magistrates of the police courts of the metropolis, or, in Scotland, before the sheriff or magistrates or two justices of the peace, as the case may be], to answer the matter of the said complaint [or in case the party charged do not appear: And whereas it hath this day been proved to our [or my] satisfaction, that a true copy of a summons requiring the owner [or occupier] of the said dwelling-house [or building or premises] to appear this day before us [or me] has been duly served according to the statute in such case made and provided], and it having been proved for also proved, as the case may require, that the said dwelling-house [or building] is in such a filthy and unwholesome condition as aforesaid [or that upon the premises aforesaid [or first aforesaid] there is a foul and offensive drain [privy, cesspool, or ashpit, or a drain, c. kept or constructed so as to be a nuisance to A. B., c., as the case may be], or that upon the premises aforesaid, or first aforesaid, an accumulation of dung, manure, offal, filth, or refuse, or as the case may be, is kept, or a pigstye exists, so as to be injurious to health as aforesaid or so as to be a nuisance to A. B., A., as the case may be]: We [or I] do hereby, in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, order the said owner [or occupier] of the said dwelling-house [or building, or premises, or first-mentioned premises within

hours from the service of this order [or a true copy thereof], according to the statute in such case made and provided, to cleanse [whitewash or purify] the said dwelling-house [or to cleanse, cover, or fill up, or as the case may require, the said drain, [ditch, gutter, privy, cesspool, or ashpit, or otherwise as the case may require], or remove the said pigstye or accumulation of dung, offal, filth, refuse, or matter, as the case may be, so that the same shall not be injurious to health, or a nuisance, as aforesaid]; and if this order be not complied with, then we [or I] authorize and require you the said town council or guardians of the poor, or, in Scotland, the procurator fiscal of the county of or the procurator fiscal or dean of guild of the burgh of or the procurator of the justices of the peace of the county of or the inspector of the poor of the parish of as the case may be] to enter upon the said dwelling-house, [or building, or premises, or first-mentioned premises,] and to do all such works, matters, and 11 & 12 Vict. things as may be necessary for carrying this order into effect, c. 123. according to the statute in such case made and provided.

And for your so doing this shall be your sufficient warrant.

Given under our hands and seals [or my hand and seal, or, in Scotland, our hands, or my hand], this day of one thousand eight hundred and

Signatures. $\begin{cases} (L. 8.)^* \\ (L. 8.)^* \end{cases}$

* [In Scotland without seals.]

SCHEDULE (D.)

Order to permit execution of works by owners.

WHEREAS complaint hath been made to County of borough, me, E. F. esquire, one of Her Majesty's or burgh, or justices of the peace in and for the county Metropolitan Police [or borough, &c.] of for one of District, or as the the magistrates of the police courts of the case may be metropolis, or as the case may be, or, in Scotland, to me G. H., sheriff, or one of Her Majesty's justices of the peace, as the case may be, of the county of A. B., owner within the meaning of the "Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention Act, 1848," of certain premises, to wit, a dwelling-house [or building, or as the case may be], situate [insert such a description of the premises as may be sufficient to identify them], in the parish of in the said county [or borough, &c.], that C. D., the occupier of the said premises, doth prevent the said A. B. from obeying and carrying into effect the provisions of the said act, in this, to wit, that he the said C. D. doth prevent the said A. B. from [here describe the works generally according to the circumstances; for instance, thus: cleansing or whitewashing or purifying the said dwelling-house, [or building,] or cleansing a foul and offensive drain [ditch, gutter, privy, cesspool, or ashpit] which exists upon the said premises, or as the case may require]: And whereas the said C. D. having been summoned to answer the said complaint, and not having shown sufficient cause against the same, and it appearing to me that the said works are necessary for the purpose of enabling the said A. B. to obey and carry into effect the provisions of the said act, I do hereby order that the said C. D. do permit the said A. B. to execute the same in the manner required by the said act.

Given under my hand and seal [or, in Scotland, under my hand] this day of in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and

E. F. (L. s.)*

^{* [}In Scotland without seal.]

THE

NUISANCES REMOVAL

DISEASES PREVENTION AMENDMENT ACT.

1849,

Being the 12 & 13 Victoria, c. 111,

INTITULED.

An Act to amend the Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention Act, 1848.—[1st August, 1849.]

1. Whereas it is expedient that the Nuisances 11 & 12 Vict. Removal and Diseases Prevention Act, 1848, should c. 123. be amended, and that the powers of the General Board of Health in relation to certain of the purposes of that act should be extended: be it therefore This act to enacted by the Queen's most excellent Majesty, by be construed and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiri-Nuisances tual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Removal and real and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Diseases Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the Prevention same, that this act shall be deemed to be part of the Act, 1848, as Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention Act, one act. 1848, and shall be construed accordingly.

2. And be it enacted, that it shall be lawful for Power to the General Board of Health, or any two of the summon witnesses, &c. in members thereof, from time to time as such board certain cases. shall see occasion, to require, by summons under the seal of the said board, or if by two only of the members of such board, then under the hands of such two members and the seal of the said board (according to the form in the schedule annexed to this act, or as near thereto as the case will permit), any person to appear before such board to testify on oath the truth touching any matters respecting which the said board are now or may hereafter be authorized to inquire (which oath any member of the said board is hereby empowered to administer); and every person who, after tender of reasonable expenses in that behalf, shall not appear pursuant to such summons, or shall not assign some reasonable excuse for not so.

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12 & 13 Vict. appearing, or refusing to be sworn or examined, shall, upon being convicted thereof before one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace or the Sheriff for the county or place at and within which such person shall have been by such summons required to appear and give evidence shall be situate, for every such neglect or refusal forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty pounds.

Secretary of Board of Health may carry on prosecution for violation or neglect of regulations.

3. And be it enacted, that the Secretary of the General Board of Health may, on the order of the institute and said board, sealed with the seal of such board, and signed by any two members thereof, prosecute any person for wilful violation or neglect of any direction or regulation issued by such board under the Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention Act, 1848; and all penalties sued for and recovered by such Secretary shall, notwithstanding anything contained in the last-mentioned act, be paid to him, and be applied in defraying the costs and expenses incurred by him in such prosecutions, and the balance (if any) shall be applied in such manner as the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury shall direct; and if the penalties so recovered shall be insufficient to defray such costs and expenses, the deficiency shall be defrayed out of any moneys which may be from time to time provided by Parliament for that purpose.

Guardians of may direct in certain cases.

4. And be it enacted, that the guardians, directors, the poor, &c. wardens, governors, or overseers of the poor, or prosecutions parochial board, or other like officers, having the management of the poor, or acting under the authority of any local act of Parliament for the paving, cleansing, drainage, or lighting any town or parish, may from time to time direct any prosecutions or legal proceedings for or in respect of the wilful violation or neglect of any direction or regulation issued by the General Board of Health, or in Ireland Commissioners of Health, under the Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention Act, 1848, and may defray the expenses of such prosecutions or proceedings out of the funds in their hands applicable to the relief of the poor.

Ex-officio guardians may act as justices.

5. And be it enacted, that justices of the peace being ex-officio guardians of the poor may in all cases, notwithstanding their holding the office of guardian, exercise in petty session the jurisdiction vested in them as justices of the peace under the Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention Act, 1848.

6. And be it enacted, that guardians, directors, 12 & 13 Vict. wardens, governors, overseers, or parochial board, or other like officers, having the management of the Guardians of poor, or acting under such authority as aforesaid, the poor, dec. upon the receipt of a certificate of any medical or certain prorelieving officer, of the union or parish for which any ceedings such guardians, directors, governors, overseers of the certificate of poor, or parochial board, or other officers, act, stating medical or the existence of any of the cause or causes of com- relieving officer. plaint specified in the section numbered 1 and 2 in the copies of the Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention Act, 1848, printed by Her Majesty's printers, or in Ireland upon the receipt of a like certificate of any such medical or relieving officer, or of any two constables of the constabulary force of the district or place or of any two constables of the Dublin police within the Dublin police district, shall take all such proceedings as by the said sections respectively are required to be taken upon the receipt of a notice in writing signed by two inhabitant householders, and in the same manner (as nearly

as may be) as if such notice had been given. 7. And whereas it is enacted by the Nuisances Guardians of Removal and Diseases Prevention Act, 1848, that all may defray costs and expenses reasonably incurred in carrying certain exinto effect certain provisions therein contained, and penses withnot recovered from any owner or occupier of the of justices, premises in respect of which such expenses shall have sheriff, or been incurred, shall, upon an order in writing, specifying the sum to be paid, under the hands and seals of two justices, or in Scotland under the hands of the sheriff or magistrate, or two justices, be retained, paid, or defrayed by the treasurer of the guardians of the poor, or parochial board, or by the overseers of the poor or other proper officers, out of the funds in their hands applicable to the relief of the poor; and it is expedient that such costs and expenses should be retained, paid, and defrayed in certain cases without an order of justices, sheriff, or magistrates: be it therefore enacted, that whenever any such costs and expenses shall have been or shall be reasonably incurred by any guardians, directors, wardens, governors, overseers of the poor, or parochial board, or other like officers having the management of the poor, and the same shall not have been recovered from the owner or occupier of the premises in respect of which such costs and expenses shall

12& 13 Vict. have been incurred, such costs and expenses may, where an order shall have been made by the justices for the removal or abatement of the nuisance, or in any case where the amount shall not exceed twenty shillings, be retained, paid, and defrayed by the treasurer of such guardians, or by such directors, wardens, governors, overseers, or parochial board, or other like officers (as the case may be), out of the funds in their hands applicable to the relief of the poor, without the order of any justice or justices of the peace, anything in the said act to the contrary notwithstanding, and be charged as in the said act directed.

Guardians of unions or parochial boards may charge expenses of removing nnisances on parish, &c. where premises situated.

8. And be it enacted, that where the guardians of a union, or parochial board, shall, in the execution of any order or regulation of the Board of Health issued under the authority of the said herein-before mentioned act, expend any money in the removal or abatement of a nuisance from any private premises or land, or from any public place, they may, if they think fit, charge the same, where the expenses do not exceed twenty shillings, to the parish, or place, or electoral division in the union or combination wherein the premises shall be situated in respect whereof such expenses shall have been incurred, and where they exceed twenty shillings, and the guardians or the majority of the guardians, if more than two guardians of such parish, electoral division, or place, object in writing to the said expenses being so charged, then only upon an order in writing under the hands and seals of two justices, or in Scotland under the hands of the sheriff or magistrates, or two justices, who are hereby required to make such order, upon application on behalf of such guardians.

General board of health may causeinquiry to be made into state of burial may direct measures of precaution.

9. And be it enacted, that it shall be lawful in England or Wales for the General Board of Health, and in Ireland for the Commissioners of Health, to cause inquiry to be made by a superintending inspector, or by such other ways and means as the grounds, and General Board of Health or such commissioners may deem fit to direct, into the state of the burial grounds in any part of England or Wales excepted from the powers of the Public Health Act, 1848, or in any populous city, town, or place in England or Wales, to which for the time being the said act has not been applied, or in any populous city, town, or place in Ireland; and if it appear to the General Board of Health or the said commissioners that any such burial

ground is in such a state as to be dangerous to the 12 & 13 Vict. health of the persons living in the neighbourhood thereof, it shall be lawful for the said General Board of Health in England and Wales, under the seal of the said Board, and under the hands of two or more members thereof, and the said Commissioners of Health in Ireland, under the hands of two or more of them, to issue such orders as the said board or commissioners respectively may think fit for the application of such disinfecting substances, and for the adoption of such other measures of precaution in relation to the premises, as may, in the opinion of the said board or commissioners of health, tend to lessen or remove the danger to health; and the churchwardens and other persons having the care and control of the burial grounds to which such orders shall relate shall do all such works and matters in relation thereto as by such orders may be directed, and all expenses incurred in the execution of such orders shall be defrayed out of the poor rates of the parish: provided always, that no such order as aforesaid shall be made after the end of the next session of Parliament.

10. And be it enacted, that where it appears to the where General Board of Health, or the Commissioners of churchyard Health in Ireland, that the churchyard or other to health burial ground of any parish is dangerous to health church-as aforesaid, and that temporary provision for inter-agree for the ment elsewhere is urgently required, the church-burial of wardens of such parish, with the consent of the parishioners in the ground bishop of the diocese and the approval of such of any ceme-General Board of Health, or Commissioners of tery com-Health in Ireland, shall, if possible, either agree with the burial any cemetery company for the burial in the ground ground of of such company of the bodies of persons having any other right of burial in the churchyard or other burial ground of such parish, or agree for the burial of such bodies in the churchyard or burial ground of any other parish of which the minister and churchwardens may consent thereto, and make all proper arrangements in relation to such burials: provided always, that where any such agreement as aforesaid shall be proposed to be made by the churchwardens of any parish, such churchwardens shall submit such proposed agreement to a meeting of the vestry, or persons having the powers of vestry, in such parish, and if the majority of persons assembled at such meeting shall disapprove such agreement the churchwardens shall not proceed therewith; and the expenses in-

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12 & 13 Vict. curred by such churchwardens in relation to such agreement, and in carrying the same into effect, shall be paid out of the poor rates of their parish; provided also, that no such agreement as aforesaid shall be made after the end of the next session of Parliament.

General board of health may direct inquiries. where it may be expedient to prohibit interment.

11. And be it enacted, that where upon any such inquiry as aforesaid it appears to the General Board of Health that the state of the burial grounds in any parish, or in any parishes which may be conveniently united for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, and the circumstances of such parish or parishes render it expedient for the protection of the public health that interments should be prohibited in such parish or parishes, except as after mentioned, and that a burial ground or burial grounds should be provided for such parish, or for the common use of such parishes, the General Board of Health may direct a superintending inspector to make inquiry, in the manner directed by the Public Health Act, 1848, or as near thereto as circumstances will permit, into all the circumstances connected with the parochial and other burial grounds of such parish or parishes, and as to the place or places in which any burial ground or burial grounds might be provided, either within or beyond the limits of such parish or parishes, and as to the means which might be provided for the conveyance of bodies for interment, and any other arrangements which might be practicable for facilitating the convenient interment of bodies in the burial ground or burial grounds to be so provided, and as to the rights in any burial ground in such parish or parishes, not being a parochial burial ground, which might be affected by the prohibition of interments in such parish or parishes, and as to the proportions in which several parishes (if more than one) should contribute to the expense of providing and maintaining a common burial ground or common burial grounds for such parishes, and into such other matters as the General Board of Health may think necessary for the purpose of enabling them to judge of the propriety of framing a scheme to be submitted to Parliament as hereinafter mentioned, and of the provisions which should be inserted therein; and such superintending inspector shall report in writing, in such manner as the General Board of Health shall direct, the result of his inquiries in relation to the premises.

12. And be it enacted, that upon the presentation 12 & 13 Vict. of such report the General Board of Health shall cause a copy thereof to be transmitted to the Bishop Upon report, of the Diocese, and copies thereof to be published in board of health may such manner as they may direct, in the parish or frame a parishes to which such report relates, and to be scheme for deposited with the minister and with the church-new burial wardens of such parish or each of such parishes; and grounds. the General Board of Health shall receive all such statements in relation to the matter of such report as shall be delivered within a time to be limited by the said board in this behalf, and may, where they think fit, cause further inquiry to be made in relation to the matter of such report; and if after such inquiry and report, or further inquiry as aforesaid, it appear to the said board expedient so to do, they may frame a scheme in which shall be set forth such provisions as to the said board under the circumstances of each case may appear proper for providing a burial ground or burial grounds for such parish or parishes as aforesaid, either within such parish or any of such parishes, or beyond the limits thereof, as the case may appear to require, to be in law the burial ground for the parish or for each of the parishes for the common use of which the same is or are provided, and for the maintenance and due management and control of such burial ground or burial grounds; for securing to the ministers and others having rights in respect of burials in the burial grounds in which interment is to be prohibited compensation by like rights in respect of burials in the burial ground or burial grounds proposed to be provided or otherwise, and for providing and securing rights in such burial ground or burial grounds in substitution for other rights (which in the opinion of the board may require to be compensated) in grounds in which interment is to be prohibited; for the election or appointment of persons to enter into contracts for providing such burial ground or burial grounds, and to maintain and manage the same; for facilitating the conveyance of the bodies of the dead from the place of death to such burial ground or burial grounds; for determining the proportions in which the expense of providing, maintaining, and managing such burial ground or burial grounds, where the same is or are provided for the common use of any parishes, shall be defrayed by such parishes respec-

12 & 13 Vict. tively; for prohibiting, after such burial ground or burial grounds shall be provided, interment in such parish or parishes, except in such cases as it may appear to the said board may be specified and excepted; and generally for and concerning all matters in relation to such burial ground or burial grounds as aforesaid, and the arrangements consequent upon the prohibition of interments as aforesaid: provided always, that all provisions which shall be set forth in such scheme concerning the consecration of the burial ground or burial grounds to be provided, and concerning the burial of members of the united church of England and Ireland, and the compensation to be provided for rights in respect of burials and other rights of ministers of the said united church which may be affected by the prohibition of interment in parochial and other burial grounds, be approved by the bishop of the diocese; provided also, that such scheme, with the reports of the superintending inspectors in relation to the matters thereof, shall be presented to both houses of Parliament forthwith after the framing thereof, or, if Parliament be not then sitting, within fourteen days after the next meeting thereof.

Short title of this act

13. And be it enacted, that in citing this act in any act of Parliament, deed, instrument, or other proceeding it shall be sufficient to use the words "The Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention

Amendment Act, 1849."

Act may be amended,&c.

14. And be it enacted, that this act may be amended or repealed by any act to be passed this present session of Parliament.

SCHEDULE TO WHICH THIS ACT REFERS. Form of Summons.

WE, the General Board of Health [or We, whose names are hereunto set, being two of the members of the Board of Health.] do hereby summon and require you personally to appear before the General Board of Health, at in the parish of in the county of on next, the at the hour of in the the same day, and then and there to be examined, and to testify the truth touching certain matters with respect to which the board is authorized to inquire.

Sealed with the seal of the General Board of Health [or Given under our hands and seals, and the seal of the General Board of Health], this in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and

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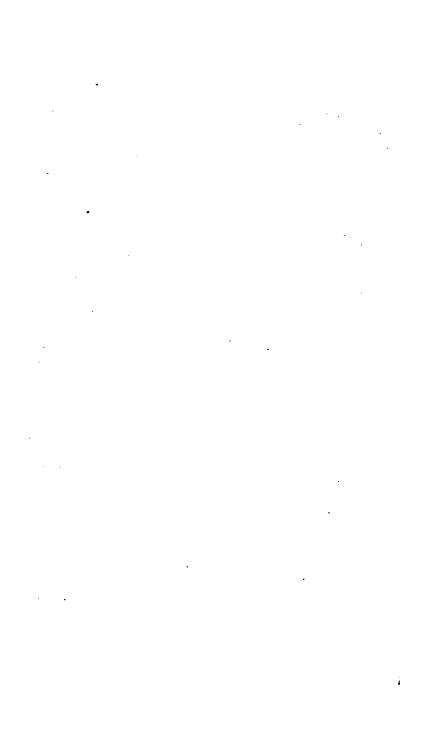
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